

**Texas A&M University-San Antonio**  
**College of Education & Human Development**  
**Educator CAFE**

EDFR 3120: Field-Based Experiences (FBE)

## **A. MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

<b>Assignments</b>	<b>Standards</b>
Field-Based Observation Hours (minimum 50 hours, logged and approved)	TAC §228.41, §228.43
Observation Reflections (4 total)	TAC §228.43
240 Tutoring Plan to Pass & Practice Test(s)	TAC §228.41, §228.43
Self-Assessment Disposition Form	TAC §228.43
Final Disposition (Cooperating Teacher)	TAC §228.43
JAGS Educator Portal Tasks: Time Log, Exit Policy, Acknowledgement Forms, Certificates (Digital Literacy, Dyslexia, Youth Mental Health/First Aid)	TAC §228.41, §228.57

**Notes:** Teacher candidates must maintain professionalism, attend all required bi-weekly classes and events (e.g., ASPIRE District Event), and complete assignments by the posted deadlines.

## **B. LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

### **Teacher candidates will know and understand:**

- Roles and responsibilities of professional educators in instructional and non-instructional contexts.
- Principles and methods learned in college courses applied in real classrooms.
- Best practices for working with students with special needs and diverse cultural/socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Classroom management strategies and effective lesson cycle practices.
- Legal, ethical, and policy requirements for teachers in Texas.
- Importance of professional dispositions, reflection, and ongoing development.

### **Teacher candidates will be able to:**

- Assess personal/social suitability for teaching and evaluate grade-level interests.
- Observe and engage in classroom management, differentiation, accommodations, and modifications.
- Communicate and collaborate with cooperating teachers, university supervisors, and families.
- Apply lesson planning and instructional strategies in the field.
- Reflect critically on field-based experiences through written reflections and discussions.
- Complete required TExES preparation and demonstrate readiness for certification exams.

## **C. LECTURE OR DISCUSSION TOPICS**

- Orientation & Roles of Field-Based Experiences
- Pathway to Teacher Certification in Texas
- TExES Content Exam & 240 Tutoring Plan
- T-TESS Domains 1–4: Planning, Instruction, Learning Environment, Professional Practices
- Resume Writing for Educators

- Observation Reflections & Reflective Practice
- Professional Dispositions & Fitness to Teach
- Classroom Management & Differentiation
- Parent Involvement & School Policies
- District-Level Engagement: ASPIRE Event
- Digital Literacy, Dyslexia, and Youth Mental Health/First Aid

## **D. REQUIRED & RECOMMENDED READINGS**

### **Required:**

- Course Syllabus (Blackboard)
- Educator CAFE Handbook (JAGS Educator Portal)
- 240 Tutoring Program (online access)

### **Recommended:**

- Texas Education Agency. (2023). *Texas Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct*.
- Texas Education Agency. (2023). *T-TESS Rubric Guide for Teachers*.
- Additional online resources for TExES preparation (provided in Blackboard modules).