

**Texas A&M University-San Antonio**  
**College of Education & Human Development**  
**Department of Curriculum & Instruction**

EDCI 1301 Introduction to Education

**A. MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

- Texas Teacher Certification Project
- TEKS Scavenger Hunt
- Writing Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)
- Lesson Planning Quiz
- Educator Interview & Reflection
- Mixed Reality Simulation Reflection
- Career Reflection Paper

**B. LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- Reflect on their understanding of themselves as students and as teachers.
- Explore their opinions on contemporary issues of education.
- Gain an understanding of Texas teacher certification.
- Reflect on which types of certification they may want to pursue.
- Gain an understanding of the content and pedagogical knowledge necessary to obtain certification.
- Evaluate lesson plans for their effectiveness and alignment with TEKS.
- Unpack the TEKS
- Deliver a 10 minute mini lesson aligned with a TEKS of his/her choice.

**C. REQUIRED READINGS**

Readings posted in Blackboard

**Websites:** BlackBoard

**D. LECTURE & DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

- The Teaching Profession
- Types of Teacher Certification
- The Teacher Certification Process
- TEExES Preparation
- Texas Teacher Code of Ethics
- Pedagogy: TEKS, SLOs, & Lesson Planning
- Interacting with Students: Mixed Reality Simulation