A. General Admission Requirements
   a. Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution.
   b. Minimum overall GPA of 2.5 or 2.75 on the last 60 semester hours.
   c. Basic Skills (Reading, Writing, and Math) will be evaluated; if necessary, participant may have to take an assessment such as the THEA or Accuplacer.
      i. _____ THEA scores
      ii. _____Accuplacer scores
      iii. _____TSI exemption
   d. Minimum score of 26 on the oral section of the TOEFL-iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-Based Test) for students graduating from a university with a language of instruction other than English.
      i. Note: need to take all sections of the TOEFL-iBT
      ii. Visit www.toefl.org for details on the TEOFL-iBT
   e. Applicant cannot have taught in Texas for three or more years on a permit and/or certificate.
   f. Completed STC application with official transcripts.
   g. Interview evaluated with rubric to determine the applications appropriateness for the certification sought.
   h. Satisfactory score (53 or higher) on the Watson-Glaser Critical Thinking Test

B. Certification Areas offered
   a. Core (Grades EC-6)
   b. Core (Grades 4-8)
   c. Bilingual Education Supplemental

C. Requirements for Area of Certification
   a. **Core EC-6**: 2.5 GPA in 24 semester hours in a combination of core subjects including 6 hours each in English/Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
   b. **Core 4-8**: 2.5 GPA in 36 semester hours in a combination of core subjects including 6 hours each in English/Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.
   c. **Generalist EC-6 with Bilingual Supplemental**: Minimum of 6 semester hours of Spanish or degree from a university where the language of instruction is Spanish.

D. Program Design- We accept students either by entering in a content area or by PACT testing; call 956-872-3584 for details
   a. Non-PACT candidates enrolled in Bilingual Core EC-6
   b. Non-PACT candidates enrolled in Core 4-8
c. PACT candidates enrolled in ether Bilingual Core EC-6 or Core 4-8

E. Program Costs
   a. Fees paid to South Texas College
      a) Nonrefundable processing fee $50
      b) Pre-assignment preparation fee $600
         i. Includes Classroom Management, Content Preparation, and PPR preparation.
      c) Additional/or Repeat courses $206.25
      d) Internship fee $3,000/year
      e) Mentor Stipend $250/semester
   
      ii. Extension processing fee (Maximum Probationary Certificate allowed by the state is 3 years)
         (i) Field Supervision fee per semester $500
         (ii) Mentor fee per semester $250

   b. Fees paid to State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) and Educational Testing Service (ETS), or L1-ID
      i. (ETS) Content TExES $120
      ii. (ETS) PPR TExES $120
      iii. (ETS) BTLPT (Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test) $120.00
      iv. (SBEC) Fingerprinting $42.25
      v. (SBEC) Probationary certificate per year $52
      vi. (SBEC) Standard certificate $77
      vii. Fees paid to L1-ID fingerprinting services $9.95

*Note: Costs are subject to change

F. VISION: to be the preferred provider of caring and effective teachers for school districts in Hidalgo and Starr Counties.

G. MISSION: To empower teacher candidates with knowledge, skills, ethics and a caring spirit for achieving student success and certification.

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