



ACCELERATED INTENSIVE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Teaching Emphasis:	Odessa College: AAT degree in Teaching Early Childhood to 6th (1.5 years) UTPB: BA Multidisciplinary Studies EC-6th (1.5 years)
Delivery Options:	Online, Morning, Evening and Weekend Options Students will typically take three classes each 8 weeks
Faculty:	First 1 ½ years will be taught solely by Odessa College faculty members. The final 1 ½ years will be taught by UTPB faculty, OC faculty, and ISD administrators. These will be specialized sections specific to the cohort. The sections will be project-based, problem-based, case-study courses based on the AVID model. Instructors will model the type of teaching and learning that the aspiring teachers will lead in their own classrooms.
Role of ISDs:	OC and UTPB will partner with ISDs in the area to incentivize involvement of their staff in the program. They will also gain access to prospective employees.
Clinical Hours:	Students will be required through their courses to serve sixteen hours each semester. ISD staff members will be exempt from these hours.
Location of courses:	All courses will take place on the Odessa College campus, including those offered through UTPB. Courses will be face-to-face in Odessa and delivered via satellite to the rest of the service area. We will partner with ISDs for a physical space in the extension areas.
Capstone Project:	Portfolio; throughout the program, instructors will work together to create a series of meaningful, relevant projects that will go into the portfolio. The portfolio will be assembled for interview purposes.
Design of program plan:	All courses will be cohort based. (Spring & Fall cohorts only) Students will start together at Odessa College and transfer together to UTPB. All students required to apply to the program. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
Professional Development:	The summer before they begin their first year of teaching, graduates of the program will undergo a series of free professional development workshops, including classroom discipline, content specialization, AVID strategies, project-based learning, Montessori, Gifted and Talented, and ESL.
Advisory Committee:	OC and UTPB Faculty members, ISD superintendents and administrators, a member of the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board, and a person from Region 18 will be a part of the advisory committee.

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