

**This is only a Scholarship Application for the  
Nontraditional Deaf Education Certification Program thru ESC 17**

(This application does not assure entry into Texas Tech University)

★ Applications accepted January 3-March 31, 2012 ★

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
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Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Street City State Zip

Permanent Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Street City State Zip

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Day Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Valid Texas Teacher Certificate:  Yes  No

Three or more years teaching experience:  Yes  No Years Taught \_\_\_\_\_

University or Colleges Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Types of Teaching Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Closest Education Service Center \_\_\_\_\_ School District \_\_\_\_\_

Grade levels taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Lang. Skills:  None  Beginning  Intermediate  Advanced

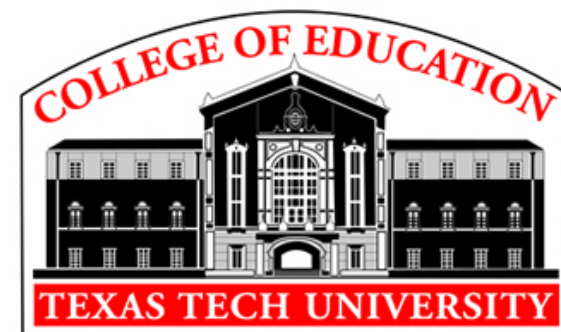
**To Apply to ESC 17**

Submit the following to **Laura Skeen • 1111 West Loop 289 • Lubbock, TX 79416:**

- Completed application form (on this brochure)
- \$50.00 application fee made out to **ESC 17**
- Application Essay - 1 page maximum Why I Would Be A Good Candidate For This Project
- One letter of recommendation from school administrator
- One letter of recommendation from teaching colleague
- Copy of teaching certificate



**Nontraditional  
Deaf Education  
Certification Program  
for Teachers**



**TEA  
Deaf Services**

# Program Description

Nontraditional Deaf Education Certification Project  
A Collaborative Project Between Region 17  
and Texas Tech University

With Funding Support From the Texas Education Agency

The purpose of this project is to provide quality nontraditional training to selected individuals throughout the state of Texas that will lead to and increase the number of qualified and certified teachers serving students who are deaf or hard of hearing in the state of Texas.

The focus of the course work, training and experiences within the curricula will provide a nontraditional approach in teacher training and prepare participants to meet competency standards for certification through the Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExES) for Deaf/Hard of Hearing. The majority of the curriculum and training will be provided through electronic means either via Web-based instruction (such as WebCT or Blackboard), TETN, or ITV. Ongoing communication with Regional Day Schools for the Deaf throughout the state will facilitate access to experiences with students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Curricula will include topics related to deaf or hard of hearing students such as: accessing the general curriculum, emergent language and literacy in young children, psychosocial aspects of deafness and hearing impairment, development of oral communication, audiology/aural habilitation, and two practicum. Embedded within several of the courses will be opportunities for the cohort students to experience and utilize a variety of communication methodologies, such as oral, total communication, signed English, and American Sign Language.

Applicants who apply to this deaf education certification project must already be certified in one or more areas of education. Applicants must also be able to commit to future work in the deaf education teaching area, have three or more years of teaching experience, have computer /internet access, and take and pass the TExES 181 certification exam.

The costs for participating in this program are partially funded through a grant from Texas Education Agency (TEA). Students will be responsible for the remaining costs for their program participation. In addition to successful program completion, Texas Tech University can accept the courses offered as credit toward a Master's Degree in Special Education.

ESC 17 will accept applications for this project beginning January 2012. The sequence of classes begins May 2012 and will finish in May 2013.

Students who receive the scholarship will be responsible for admission to Texas Tech University and the College of Education by completing TTU and COE Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program admission requirements.

**Please Note:** The continuation of this project is contingent upon availability of funds.

For additional brochures:  
[www.esc17.net](http://www.esc17.net)

## After Notification of Scholarship

The student must complete the following applications (steps) in sequential order:

1. Apply for admission to TTU Graduate School
  - \$50.00 application fee to TTU
  - University Transcripts
  - GRE Scores
2. Apply for admission to College of Education, Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program (<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/>)
  - Two (2) letters of Recommendation
  - Application Essay
3. Complete TTU Application for Certification program at:  
<http://www.educ.ttu.edu/docs/handbooks/SpEdMasterHndbk.pdf>

For more information go to:  
<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/Prospect.php>

# Contact Information

For additional information regarding this Deaf Education Program, please contact:

**Region 17 ESC**  
**Student Support Senior Specialist**  
**Laura Skeen**  
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**Texas Tech University Advisor,**  
**Roseanna Davidson**  
**(806) 742-1997 ext. 246**  
**[roseanna.davidson@ttu.edu](mailto:roseanna.davidson@ttu.edu)**

<b>Summer I 2012</b>	<b>Summer II 2012</b>
2 Classes	1 Class
<b>Fall 2012</b>	<b>Spring 2013</b>
2 Classes; 1 Practicum	2 Classes; 1 Practicum