

Cohort Introduction Seminar

1. Exams – PACT, ESL, possibly EC-4 for Science and Math Middle School candidates – Melaina Wilkin
2. Flexibility and latest changes from Texas Education Agency – Sharon Duncan
3. Intimate discussion about program requirements, modeling, and success - Sharon Duncan

Program requirements:

- **Follow directions precisely. No excuses!**
- Cohort Handbook is our contract, so keep it close and know its contents. Accountability for both.
- Regularly review information on website, including announcements.
- Stay ahead on assignments – no late work, with dire exceptions.
- Attendance is a must – missed time cannot be entirely made up; however, you will attend Saturday School for makeup and questions.
- Field experience best completed through Tutors with Vision.
- Application online to AISD required in December and January.
- Attendance at Employment Seminar in December is mandatory and to your advantage.
- Payment questions to Letty; program questions to Melaina and Gretchen; complex issues to Sharon. When in question, copy all.
- Use gmail for all TCP training. You should already have received gmail from ACC.

Red Flags:

- Listening to others without conformation online or in person from staff.
- Getting behind in class work and taking exams.
- Wanting to change the process and requirements for your convenience.
- Becoming high maintenance for staff – you must be proactive and follow directions, but we need to know about any issues so we can help.
- Showing lack of expertise and experience on computers/not having a working computer and printer.
- Not paying on time; registering for exams delayed due to financial stress.
- Violating Code of Ethics on or off school grounds– “Are you fit to teach?”
- Unwilling to teach at school districts outside of the Austin/RR/Pflugerville area.

Next:

- **Field experiences with Tutors with Vision**
- **PACT exams**
- **Orientation on December 1**
- **Employment seminar on December 8**
- **Online assignment for EDTC 3000, research districts and apply. Check with districts to ensure a complete application.**
- **Begin EDTC 3000 and preparation for PPR exam in April/May. Websites will be available for team uploads.**

You are on your way!