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## Associate of Arts in Teaching

In July 2003, members of an ad-hoc advisory committee met with Board staff to discuss the feasibility and desirability of developing an Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) degree that would be fully transferable from Texas public community colleges to universities having educator preparation programs.

A 23-member [Teacher Certification Field of Study Advisory Committee](#) (11 members from public community colleges, 11 members from public universities, and one middle school principal) met on three separate occasions to develop recommendations for three field of study curricula leading to an AAT.

At its July 15, 2004 meeting the Coordinating Board adopted these three [AAT curricula](#) (without revision to that proposed by the Board April 22):

- EC-4 (except Early Childhood Degree Specialization), 4-8, EC-12
- 8-12, Other EC-12
- EC-4 Early Childhood Degree Specialization Only

In response to school district teacher shortages in grades 5 and 6, the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) established the EC-6 certificate in 2007. At the February 2009 meeting of SBEC, amendments were proposed to place a deadline of September 2011 for issuing the EC-4 certificate. These amendments were approved at the April 3 meeting. In response to this change and the semester credit hour limitation placed on baccalaureate degrees in the 79th legislative session, issues were raised about possible revisions to the AAT curricula. In February 2009, the CB staff organized a work group representing public two year and four year institutions as well as public school personnel to advise staff on possible changes. After a public comment period, their recommendations were presented to the Coordinating Board and adopted as submitted on April 30, 2009.

The revised AAT curricula include:

- EC-6
- 4-8, EC-12 Special Education
- 6-12, 7-12, 8-12, Other than Special Education

**Other materials concerning the AAT:**

- [AAT Frequently Asked Questions—revised May 2014](#)
- 2004 Coordinating Board Materials on AAT
  - [April 22, 2004 Board Meeting](#)
  - [July 15-16, 2004 Board Meeting](#)
- TECA Course
  - Texas Early Childhood Articulation Courses (TECA 1303, TECA1311, TECA 1318 and TECA 1354) as adopted by the ACGM Advisory Committee August 6, 2004
- Field Experience Course
  - [Field Experience Courses \(EDUC 1301 and EDUC 2301\)](#) as adopted by the ACGM Advisory Committee August 6, 2004

### 2009 Revisions

- [AAT Curricula](#)
- [AAT Review committee members](#)

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