

Master Science Teacher Certification Program



Attention Science Specialists and teachers interested in promoting science achievement!

If you enjoy **helping** your fellow teachers and **care** about improving students' science skills, consider becoming a **Master Science Teacher** through the Education Service Center Region 12's certification program. Master Science Teachers will be prepared to:

1. **Mentor teachers** through coaching, demonstrating and modeling successful research-based teaching techniques and providing staff development; and
2. **Teach students** with science deficiencies individually and in small groups, giving them the personal instruction and encouragement they need to succeed.

Enrollment is limited, so applications will be reviewed by a screening committee. The **application process** is open to candidates who have the following:

- a minimum of **three years teaching experience**
- a valid **Texas Teaching Certificate**
- **recommendations** from administrators and others knowledgeable about the candidate's potential to impact science achievement
- **evidence** of commitment to the improvement of science education (i.e. professional development activities, participation in professional organizations, present and past teaching experiences, etc.)
- a strong **science background**
- **ability** to work collaboratively with peers
- **leadership** potential

The format for the MST Program is now year round. Face-to-face sessions will occur from 9 AM to 4 PM at ESC Region 12 in Waco or designated locations. Some session will be online and/or through video conference. Selected candidates will be expected to complete **108 hours, both face-to-face and online**, as well as a significant amount of outside work before taking and passing the TExMaT exam to become certified as a Master Science Teacher. **We encourage participants to start their program in the summer so that it can be completed in March and the exam taken on the April testing date. For detailed class schedule for 2010-2011 contact Judy York.** The registration fee for the program is \$1200, in addition to purchasing textbooks required for the course (approx. \$550).

As per House Bill 2307, districts with **"high need" campuses** may apply to the Commissioner of Education for funds to provide **stipends** to Master Science Teachers. Additional information about the Master Science Teacher Certification Program is available on the SBEC Web site at <http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/mtp/mst/mst.asp>.

Applications can be received at the ESC Region 12, Waco throughout the year.

For additional information, contact Judy York at (254) 297-1130. **To obtain an application**, go to <http://www.esc12.net/masterscience> or contact Wanda Brooks at (254) 297-1127 or wbrooks@esc12.net.

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