

Approved Health Science Technology Occupations

- The Health Science Technology (HST) teaching certificate requires professional skill and experienceⁱ in a HST profession.
- The skill and experience requirement is one of the admission criteria to enroll in an approved HST educator preparation program.
- The list below identifies eligible HST occupations for meeting the experience and skill program admittance requirement.
- The HST certificate curricula shall be based on the standards approved by the State Board for Educator Certification.
- Contact an [approved Texas HST educator preparation program](#) for an evaluation of work experience and for details on obtaining a Texas HST teaching certificateⁱⁱ.

| Health Science Occupation | Governing Agency for Licensure |
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| Athletic Trainer, ATC | Texas Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers |
| Audiologist, AUD | Texas State Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology |
| Cardiovascular Technologist, RCVT | American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers Registry |
| Chiropractor, DC | Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners |
| Cytotechnologist, CT | American Society of Clinical Pathologists or Health and Human Services |
| Dental Hygienist | Texas State Board of Dental Examiners |
| Dental Laboratory Technician, CDT | National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology |
| Dentist, DDS or DMD | Texas State Board of Dental Examiners |
| Diagnostic Medical Sonographer | American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers |
| Emergency Medical Services, MT-P | Texas Department of State Health Services-Emergency Medical Services |
| Histotechnician, HT | American Society of Clinical Pathologists |
| Histotechnologist, HTL | American Society of Clinical Pathologists |
| Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLS) | American Society of Clinical Pathologists or American Medical Technologists |
| Medical Technologist, MT | American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP) or American Medical Technologists |
| Nuclear Medicine Technologist, NMT | American Registry of Radiologic Technologists or Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board |
| Occupational Therapist, OT | Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners |
| Occupational Therapy Assistant, COTA | Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners |
| Optometrist, OD | Texas Optometry Board |
| Orthotist, CO, CP, OR CPO, | Texas Board of Orthotics and Prosthetics |
| Osteopath, DO | Texas Medical Board |
| Paramedic EMT-LP | Texas Department of State Health Services-Emergency Medical Services |
| Pharmacist | Texas State Board of Pharmacy |

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| Physical Therapist, PT | Texas Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners |
| Physical Therapy Assistant, PTA | Texas Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners |
| Physician Assistant, PA or PA-C | Texas Physician Assistant Board |
| Physician, MD | Texas Medical Board |
| Podiatrist Physician, DPM | Texas State Board of Podiatry Examiners |
| Prosthetist | Texas Board of Orthotics and Prosthetics |
| Psychologist, PhD | Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists |
| Radiation Therapy Technologist, RRT | Texas Department of State Health Services Licensed issued by Medical Radiologic Technologist Certification Program |
| Radiologic Technologist, RT | Texas Department of State Health Services Licensed issued by Medical Radiologic Technologist Certification Program |
| Recreational Therapist, CTR or CTRS | National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification, Inc. |
| Registered Nurse, ADRN or BSN | National Council of State Boards of Nursing Examination administered by the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners |
| Respiratory Therapist, CRT or RRT | Texas Department of State Health Services Respiratory Care Practitioners Certification Program |
| Speech/Language Pathologist, SLP | Texas State Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology DSHS National Certification of Clinical Competence in Audiology |

ⁱ Experience and Preparation in a Skill Area is an admission requirement to enroll in an HST approved educator preparation program [TAC Chapter 233, Rule §233.14 (d)].

- A minimum of 2 years full-time wage earning experience utilizing the required HST license.
- Valid HST licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency and state certification, or registration.

ⁱⁱ Texas teaching certificate for Health Science Technology requires a bachelor's degree.