



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Addressing teacher-talent needs in rural West Texas.



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The shortage of qualified teachers across West Texas represents a significant failure to provide for the economic future of rural communities. The **West Texas Rural Education Partnership** will prepare over 200 new teachers annually for rural schools in our region by creating inter-organizational systems consisting of **3 universities, 9 community colleges** and **45 rural districts** all focused on addressing teacher-talent needs of rural schools. Join us today!



PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

- Amarillo College
- Clarendon College
- El Paso Community College
- Frank Phillips College
- Howard College
- Midland College
- Odessa College
- South Plains College
- Western Texas College

- Texas Tech University
- University of Texas Permian Basin
- University of Texas at El Paso
- West Texas A&M University

GOALS



Align district, community college, and university organizations into a single system. Increase local talent seeking teacher certification.



Implement high-quality support for rural teacher candidates. Coach and train district-based site coordinators. Improve quality of candidate support in remote, rural districts. Increase retention of high-quality teachers in rural districts.



Represent "rural" in the curriculum. Include coursework about teaching in rural schools. Increase efficacy and value for teaching in rural schools.

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