



Texas Parent Education Professional Development Recognition System

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TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PARENT EDUCATORS (TAPE) MISSION:

To build a network of professionals and paraprofessionals involved in the fields of parent education, parent involvement, and family support in order to:

- ◉ Promote parent education, parent involvement, and family support in the schools, communities, and state
- ◉ Create opportunities to increase knowledge and skills in the field of parent education, parent involvement and family support.

TAPE HISTORY

- ◉ TAPE is an entity under the umbrella of the University of North Texas Center for Parent Education (CPE), established in 1992 by Dr. Arminta Jacobson
- ◉ Texas Registry for Parent Educators Resources (ROPER) provides a parent educator database; established the Core Knowledge for Parent Educators; and online modules
- ◉ Local state networks developed in the early 2000's
- ◉ 2002 - first Recognition System established
- ◉ 2005 - TAPE - dues paying organization is formed
- ◉ 2004 - Issued first Recognition
- ◉ 2011 - revised online Recognition System

PARENT EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNITION SYSTEM

◎ Purpose:

- 1. opportunity for interested parent educators and paraprofessionals who work with families to enter the field of parent education from varying educational backgrounds and experiences
- 2. an avenue for professional development and mobility

WHO ARE THE PARTICIPANTS?

- Parent Educators, other professionals, paraprofessional, peer mentors and volunteers who work directly with families and/or develop materials or coordinate programs for families
- Professionals who teach others to work with parents, develop curriculum or other materials, or conduct parent education research or evaluation



WHAT IS THE CRITERIA?

- Based on the “Core Knowledge for Professionals who Work with Families, Including Parent Educators, Caseworkers, Parent Involvement Specialists, Family Support and Early Childhood Parent and Family Specialists”
 - Core Knowledge applies to families and children from ages 0-18.
 - Each knowledge area is integral part of the professional’s understanding and background.

10 CORE KNOWLEDGE AREAS

1. Child and Lifespan Development
2. Dynamics of Family Relationships
3. Family Life Education
4. Guidance and Nurturing
5. Health and Safety
6. Diversity in Family Systems
7. Professional Practice and Methods Related to
Adult Learning and Family Support
8. School and Child Care Relationships
9. Community Relationships
10. Assessment and Evaluation

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Determine the Parent Educator Step of 1, 2, 3, or 4 (Master Parent Educator)
2. Complete the Education and Training Worksheet
3. Complete the online Application Form
4. Verification

1. DETERMINING THE PARENT EDUCATOR STEP

- Part of the application process is to determine the Recognition Step based on the Recognition Criteria that best fits your professional development :
 - Parent Educator 1, 2, 3, or 4
 - <http://www.coe.unt.edu/cpe/recognition-system-criteria>

2. PARENT EDUCATOR WORKSHEET

- ◉ After determining the Parent Educator Step of 1, 2, 3, or 4
- ◉ Proceed to the downloadable worksheet - Education and Training Worksheet
 - <http://www.coe.unt.edu/cpe/recognition-system-worksheet>
- ◉ Use the Core Knowledge to identify the education and training experiences that best fit the core criteria

3. APPLICATION

- ◉ Complete the online application

<http://www.coe.unt.edu/cpe/recognition-application-form>

4. VERIFICATION

- After the application has been processed, TAPE Recognition Committee will verify the information. A status notification of the recognition criteria will be sent and if approved a request for the following:
 - a high school diploma, GED or college transcripts
 - a copy of your resume
 - 2 letters of recommendation
 - \$20 processing fee (payable to the UNT Center for Parent Education)

IN DEVELOPMENT:

- ◉ Renewal Process
- ◉ Instructions for Changing Recognition Steps
 - Complete application with documentation of additional education and training since the last application

