WeTeach_CS: Computer Science 8-12 Certification Incentive Program

Application Requirements:
    Candidates are required to:

- **be pursuing certification in Computer Science 8-12.**
- not already hold the following certifications: Computer Science 8-12 or Computer Information Systems (any level)
- be currently certified to teach in Texas or enrolled in an approved teacher certification program
- submit an application and required documentation by applicable deadlines
- receive approval prior to testing (exceptions will be made for those who tested between August 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015)
- apply for a specific test window by the applicable deadline
- **register themselves** for the approved test date and pay all applicable fees
- complete all requirements for certification and pay all applicable fees
- provide proof of success on the exam and proof of certification by the applicable deadline
- participate and provide required information in a **post-program survey** during September 2016

Testing and Stipend Information:

Testing Window	Teach CS Certification Program Application Deadline*	Testing Registration Deadline**	Deadline to submit **proof of certification***
8/1/15-10/13/15	1/15/16	-------	3/31/16
10/14/15 - 10/17/15	11/30/15	-------	3/31/16
12/9/15 - 12/12/15	11/30/15	12/7/15	3/31/16
1/27/16 - 1/30/16	1/15/16	1/25/16	3/31/16
3/30/16 - 4/2/16	3/22/16	3/28/16	5/18/16
5/18/16 – 5/21/16	5/6/16	5/16/16	7/15/16
7/6/16 – 7/9/16	6/15/16	7/4/16	8/19/16
8/24/16-8/27/16	8/1/16	8/22/16	10/15/16

* Applications and proof of certification must be received by 5 pm on these dates. Failure to submit a complete application may result in loss of stipend.

** For additional information regarding test registration and dates, please go to http://texes.ets.org/testdates and look under Computer-Administered Tests.

- Once approved by the program, participants are expected to register themselves for testing and pay all applicable fees.

- Following successful completion of the exam participants must apply for certification, pay all applicable fees and provide proof of certification by the deadline stated above.

- Applicants will be notified of acceptance via email prior to the testing registration deadline.

- The program will accept applications for test windows between 8/1/15 and 8/27/16.

- Proof of successful certification must be received no later than the date specified in the application in order to receive a stipend.

- Funds are limited. Individuals are encouraged to apply early.

- While not required, WeTeach_CS Training is being offered to help participants prepare for the exam. Preregistration is required.

Participation Incentives:

- A stipend in the amount of **$1000** for documentation of successful completion of certification in Computer Science 8-12

To Apply:
- Complete the online application at http://www.thetrc.org/weteach_cs-cip/
- Submit the required documentation as explained on the next page

For questions about The University of Texas at Austin, Center for STEM Education, Computer Science 8-12 Certification Program please contact:

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Required Documentation to be Submitted Prior to Testing:

Payee Information Form - Submit the Payee Information Form (found at http://www.thetrc.org/weteach_cs-cip/ along with a scan or picture of your drivers license **via our box link** at http://stemcenter.utexas.edu/upload)

All other documentation should be submitted via the contact below:

Assurances (found at http://www.thetrc.org/weteach_cs-cip/)
Proof of Employment/Enrollment – submit a copy of your contract or a letter
      from an administrator on school letterhead.
Proof of Current Certification – submit a PDF based on your information from
      https://secure.sbec.state.tx.us/sbeconline/virtcert.asp

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USPS Mail:	**UPS/FedEx Mail:**
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The University of Texas at Austin	The University of Texas at Austin
George I Sanchez Building, Room 340	George I Sanchez Building, Room 340
1912 Speedway STOP D5500	1912 Speedway
Austin, TX 78712	Austin, TX 78712

Fax:	**Email:**
Please include a cover sheet with your name and email address clearly marked.	Please make sure scanned pages are legible.
Attn: Jennifer Kaszuba	jennjk@utexas.edu
512-471-9244	

All forms and documentation must be **submitted by** the applicable deadline. Please keep a copy of all forms and documentation for your record. We are not responsible for forms lost or delayed due to the USPS or another carrier.

For **test dates after 12/31/15** you must be **ACCEPTED** into the Computer Science 8-12 Certification Program **PRIOR to TAKING the TEST.**

Application Checklist:
- ❑ Completed online application
- ❑ Returned proof of current certification
- ❑ Proof of current campus specific employment for 2015-2016 OR proof of enrollment in an approved educator certification program
- ❑ Returned assurances page
- ❑ Returned completed payee information form