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ETRC/Educational Technology Resource Center

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CRC/Curriculum Resource Center

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Office of Teacher Certification and Admission Services

General Information, Admissions, TExES Exam
Pre-Registration and Teacher Certification
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Office of Field Experiences

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UTPA Testing Center

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<http://www.utpa.edu/dept/testing>

UTPA Office of Admissions

Admissions & Transfer Coursework Evaluations
VC 1.124
381-2999, 381-2203

UTPA Office of the Registrar

381-2481, SSB 1.150

UTPA Financial Services Office

381-2501, SSB 1.192

Office of Services for Persons with Disabilities

316-7005, ESRH 1.101

Projects and Initiatives

AVID/Advancement Via Individual Determination

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STAP/South Texas Advantage Project

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