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# Preface

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**P**assing the Special Education TExES Examination: Keys to Certification and Exceptional Learners was written to help Texas educators pass either the EC-12 or the Supplemental Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES) for special education. It is to be used by students and teachers seeking to pass either of these examinations as well as by universities and alternative preparation programs across the state. It is based on the standards, domains, and competencies provided through Texas law (19 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 241.15) and developed by the Texas State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC). It is written based on the years of experience Dr. Wilmore has as a teacher, counselor, principal, professor, and school board member. Using those experiences, she is also a popular and inspiring TExES preparation seminar presenter at universities, regional service centers, and other training sites around the state. She speaks, consults, does assessments, and is the keynote speaker at multiple functions across the state and beyond.

The nature of the book is both broad and specific. It provides the philosophy and theoretical framework for success of either of the special education TExES exams. It details the Texas domains, competencies, and philosophy on which both exams are constructed. Each of the 13 “competency chapters provides specific details in a down-to-earth, interesting manner while engaging the reader and connecting theory to practice. Each chapter includes details necessary for proactive teaching in special education and for TExES success. Following the competency chapters, are the chapters that provide important test-taking concepts and techniques, such as how to watch for important concepts, analyze questions, manage time while testing, and how to use specific strategies to discern correct answers. They include information about how to create an individualized personal success plan, how to prepare for the TExES, and what to do in the weeks, days, and night before the test. The book closes with an extensive list of additional resources to supplement each domain as well as three appendices of important state and national Codes of Ethics.

*Passing the Special Education TExES Examination: Keys to Certification and Exceptional Learners* is also a tremendous asset for current special education teachers seeking to refine, refocus, and further develop their learner-centered

teaching skills. It follows the same format and has the same voice as Dr. Wilmore's other highly successful Corwin TExES exam books:

- *Passing the Principal TExES Exam: Keys to Certification and School Leadership* (2nd ed.)
- *Passing the Superintendent TExES Exam: Keys to Certification and District Leadership*
- *Passing the PPR TExES Exam: Keys to Certification and Ethical Teaching* (With Amy Burkman)

With Dr. Wilmore's proven record of success in TExES exam preparation, this book not only provides a solid theoretical framework for teaching special education it also makes learning fun and inspires greatness. Readers will enjoy the book, be ready to pass the TExES Exam, and then to change the world—one exceptional learner at a time.