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Preface

Passing the English as a Second Language (ESL) Supplemental TExES Examination: Keys to Certification and Language Proficient Learners was written to help Texas educators pass the Supplemental Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExES) for English as a Second Language. This book was written by Dr. Elaine L. Wilmore to be used by students and teachers seeking to pass the examination 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, nation, and beyond.

The nature of the book is both broad and specific. It provides the philosophy and theoretical framework for success on the Supplemental ESL TExES exam. It details the Texas domains, competencies, and the philosophy on which the exam is constructed. Each of the 10 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 ESL 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 two Appendices that cite the Texas Education Code and the Texas Administrative Code.

Passing the English as a Second Language (ESL) Supplemental TExES Examination: Keys to Certification and Language Proficient Learners is also a tremendous asset for current ESL teachers seeking to refine, refocus, or

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)
- *Passing the Special Education TExES Exam: Keys to Certification and Exceptional Learners*

With Dr. Wilmore's proven record of success in TExES exam preparation, this book not only provides a solid theoretical framework for teaching ESL 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 English language learner at a time.