

Preface

Passing the PPR TExES Exam for EC–12 Teachers: Keys to Certification and Ethical Teaching has been written in the same voice and format as the highly successful *Passing the Principal TExES Exam: Keys to Certification and School Leadership* and *Passing the Superintendent TExES Exam: Keys to Certification and District Leadership*, both also by Elaine L. Wilmore. Joining her in writing this time is Dr. Amy Burkman. Dr. Burkman is a former teacher, school librarian, assistant principal, and principal. Having recently completed her doctor of education degree from Texas Christian University, Dr. Burkman is now an assistant professor of educational leadership at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, where Dr. Wilmore also serves.

Due to the success of Dr. Wilmore's previous TExES preparation books, there have been repeated requests for this, a book to help new teachers obtain their initial Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) certification. Readers of the first books will rush to encourage new teachers to utilize the vast knowledge, skills, wit, wisdom, and inspiration that Wilmore has become known for. This new *Passing the PPR TExES Exam for EC–12 Teachers: Keys to Certification and Ethical Teaching* carries on the Wilmore tradition in grand style. Together Wilmore and Burkman explain the learner-centered standards, domains, and competencies in easy-to-understand language while stressing the importance of higher order thinking skills in applying them in problem-solving decision- set scenarios. The book includes a vast array of test-taking strategies, directions to help students create their own personal success plan, and directions for completing action state certification requirements after passing the PPR TExES Exam.

In short, with *Passing the PPR TExES Exam for EC–12 Teachers: Keys to Certification and Ethical Teaching* and the addition of Amy Burkman as a coauthor, Elaine Wilmore has another success to add to her lengthening list. An exclusive Corwin author, all of her books are published by Corwin. Both Dr. Wilmore and Dr. Burkman are available for consulting, professional speaking, and keynote engagements. They may be reached at Wilmore_e@utpb.edu and Burkman_a@utpb.edu, respectively, or at www.elainewilmore.com.