Technology Grant Proposal Brief
Teacher Certification Office Computer Lab Project

The Teacher Certification Department at Texas A&M University–Commerce desires to improve computer access for the university's students, faculty, and advisors participating in the teacher certification program by providing a computer lab adjacent to the departmental office. The goal is to provide a lab equipped with appropriate hardware and software that will enable all involved parties to access the required teacher education documents. Currently access to such documents is limited by inadequate computer facilities.

The project will be implemented over a two-year period. When completed, the computer lab will consist of 25 computers and five network compatible laser jet printers. Required hardware and software will be installed by the Technology Services Department. The Student Advisement Coordinator in the Teacher Certification Department will serve as project director. The director will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the computer lab and will delegate the daily maintenance responsibilities to technology support personnel within the department.

The University currently advises approximately 1,200 teacher education students seeking initial and/or additional professional certification. Faculty and staff consist of approximately 30 advisors. It is vital that all parties involved have access to university and state board electronic forms, degree evaluations, and student records. Providing a technology lab adjacent to the Teacher Certification Department will accommodate the needs of the university's students, faculty, and advisors.