

UH Teacher Education Program: A Map for Students

Students, welcome! You are on an exciting, important journey to become a teacher. Our professors and staff at the University of Houston will guide you along the way.



Before Pre-Teaching: Start Here!

Your first two years of college (whether you start at UH or community college)

- You mostly take core courses (e.g. English, math).
- Talk to your college advisor for early guidance if you plan to pursue the Bilingual EC-6 or ESL/SPED EC-6 Supplemental plans.

Pre-Teaching Formal Admissions

- Submit the **Teacher Education Application**, which includes ethics training and an admissions video interview.
 - 2.5 content GPA, 2.5 cumulative GPA
- 12 content hours in certification area sought (4-8 science and 4-8 math students must complete 15 hours of content)
- **Receive admissions letter + YOU MUST ACCEPT IT! → You'll receive section numbers for your PT courses.**

Pre-Teaching: The Real Journey Begins!

Typically first semester of junior year

- Start of the semester: Attend **Pre-Teaching Orientation**.
- Take the writing assessment.
- End of semester: Attend **Developing Teaching Orientation**. Field experience requirements will be discussed.

Developing Teaching: Your Preparation Increases!

Typically second semester of junior year

- **Field experience requirements:** 40 hours in one school (more involved than PT observations, including small group, one-on-one instruction, other teacher duties). Student selects district preferences from pre-determined list, and district selects school.
- Apply for **Student Teaching approval**.
- End of DT: Attend **Student Teaching Orientation**.

Student Teaching 1 + ST2: You Get to Teach!

Typically senior year

- **Two-semester commitment.** Students are in class or in the field Monday through Friday. It is recommended that students don't work another outside job.
- **ST placement:** Student preferences district from pre-determined list, and district selects school and grade level. Placements will last full year.
- To advance through the program, students must meet "performance gates" for both teaching practice and professionalism.
- For Certification:
 - Take and pass certification exams (typically in ST1 & ST2).
 - Apply for certification (typically in ST2).
 - Graduate and get approved for certification.**Congratulations — you're a Texas-certified teacher!**

Student Teaching Approval

- Completed Student Teaching application (ST placement request survey)
 - Completed field experiences
- Passing score on the writing assessment (not just taken)
 - Minimum 2.5+ cumulative GPA
- Completed all coursework prior to ST1
 - State-mandated trainings: dyslexia, mental health, youth suicide prevention
- **Approval and acknowledgement forms + YOU MUST SIGN! → You'll receive section numbers for your ST courses.**



LINGO TO LEARN

Cohort

The group of hidden courses provided to you in your final four semesters

PT

Pre-Teaching

DT

Developing Teaching

Field Experiences

Observations in schools

ST1

Student Teaching first semester

ST2

Student Teaching second semester

Teacher Candidates

Students in the Teacher Education program

