

**University of Houston-Downtown**  
**College of Public Service**  
**Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies**  
**EC-6 Bilingual Generalist**  
(126 hours)

**Requirements for Formal Admission into the Teacher Education Program:**

- A minimum 2.5 overall grade point average
- 30 semester credit hours (SCH) of course work
- Obtain passing scores on all three sections of the THEA exam (no exemptions)
- Be in good standing
- Complete all developmental courses, if required
- Successful completion of ENG 1301 and 1302
- Successful completion of MATH 1301 (or above)
- Declare major (online or with CPS Advising).
- Formal application to the program

**General Education Core (42 Hours)**

- English 1301
- English 1302
- Sophomore Literature (2301 or above)
- Speech (One course from: COMM 1301, 1303, 1304, 1305, 3302, 3304 or 3306)
- Math 1301 (or any other college level Math above 1300)
- Natural Science (One course from: BIOL, MICRO, CHEM, GEOL, or PHYS)
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- Computer Literacy (One course from: CIS 1301, CS 1305, or HUM 2305)
- Fine Arts (One course from: ART, MUSIC, or DRAMA)
- Social/Behavioral Science (One course from: SOSE 3310 Critical Social Studies Education, ANTH 2301 or 2302, CJ 1301, ECO 1301, GEOG 1301, 1302, PSY 1303 (preferred), or SOC 1303)
- History (One course from: HIST 1305, 1306, 2303, or 2309)
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- Political Science 2303 U.S. Government I
- Political Science 2304 U.S. Government II

**Preparatory Requirements (21 Hours)**

ECH 2311	Early Childhood Classroom
ECH 2312	The Young Child
ECH 2313	Early Childhood Learning Environment
PED 3301	Introduction to Special Populations (pre-req: SOSE 3306)

SPANISH (9 hours of Spanish beyond 1401 and 1402. Placement does not equal hours)  
Spanish 2311 Spanish I for Native Speakers or UHD Placement Test  
Spanish 2312 Spanish II for Native Speakers or UHD Placement Test  
Spanish 3301 Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition

**Academic Major (36 Hours)**

ETC 3301	Educational Technology (pre-req: CS 1305, or CIS 1301, or demonstrated competency)
SOSE 3306	Culture of Urban Schools (pre-req: intro course in the social sciences)
SOSE 3320	Assessment and Evaluation (pre-req: PSY 1303)
READ 3305	Foundations of Literacy
English -- <b>Select one:</b>	
ENG 3305	Essay Writing
ENG 3318	Studies in English Grammar

**The following Academic Major courses have the prerequisite: Admission to Teacher Education Program**

MATH 3321 Math Concepts I (pre-req: Math 1301 or 1310)  
MATH 3322 Math Concepts II (pre-req: Math 1301 or 1310)  
NS 3310 Physical Science Studies  
NS 3312 Life Science Studies  
PED 3304 Aesthetic and Physical Development of Children  
PED 3314 Children's Literature in Spanish  
READ 3306 Language and Literacy Development (pre-req READ 3305)

**Note: A minimum of 60 clock-hours of classroom field experience per semester is required for Blocks I & II.**

### **Professional Development and Field-based Courses (27 hours)**

#### **Block I**

*Prerequisites: Admission to Teacher Education Program and Core Complete; ECH 2313, READ 3305, PED 3314, SPAN 2311, SPAN 2312, SPAN 3301; Pre- OR Co-requisites: SOSE 3306, ETC 3301; Concurrent Enrollment in BED 3301, BED 3311 and READ 4306*

BED 3301 Understanding the Second Language Learner  
BED 3311 Foundations of Bilingual/ESL Education  
READ 4306 Literacy Curriculum, Methods, and Assessment in the Bilingual/ESL Classroom

#### **Block II**

*Prerequisites: Successful completion of Block I, Math 3321, Math 3322; Pre or Co-requisite: NS 3310 and NS 3312  
Concurrent enrollment in: BED 4301, BED 4311 and READ 3317*

BED 4301 Teaching Language Arts and Reading in Spanish  
BED 4311 Integrating Curriculum in a Bilingual/ESL Classroom  
READ 3317 Language Arts Instruction for Bilingual/ESL

#### **Block III**

*The courses in Block III represent a full semester, full-day student teaching experience.*

*Prerequisites: Successful completion of Block II and must have completed all other courses on degree plan.*

EED 4303 Student Teaching in the Bilingual/ESL Classroom  
EED 4304 Student Teaching in the Early Childhood Classroom  
SOSE 4303 Current Issues in Urban Teaching

#### **Block III with THECB Educational Aide Exemption Approval**

Declared majors who are exempt from student teaching are required to take SOSE 4304 and must choose two courses (6 SCHs) from those listed below to substitute for the 6 SCHs of student teaching.

*Prerequisites: Successful completion of Block II and completion of all other courses on degree plan.*

#### **Select two Courses (6 SCHs):**

SPAN 3302 Professional Writing	PED 3302 Tch Middle Sch Math
PED 3303 Tch Middle Sch Env Science	READ 3309 Tch Rdg in Content Areas
SOSE 3310 Crit Soc Studies Ed	Content area course by Advisement

SOSE 4304 Current Issues in Urban Teaching

**Please note:** All students must take and pass the Writing Proficiency Examination after completing 60 semester credit hours and before completing 75 semester credit hours.

In order to successfully complete each block, students must demonstrate mastery of the content, thus it is highly recommended that preparatory and academic courses be taken before beginning the Blocks. Admission to these blocks is approved by the advisor/coordinator of the Urban Education Department. As state guidelines change, continual program revisions may occur. Teacher education programs are developed in response to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) regulations and guidelines. Thus, course requirements and sequencing are subject to change. All students pursuing teacher certification plans must understand that the advising staff will make every effort to communicate program changes as they occur, but it is the responsibility of each student to stay apprised of any changes that may affect degree plans. Thus constant monitoring of plans is necessary, and students are urged to visit regularly with an academic advisor and to check the SBEC website for teacher certification changes ([www.sbec.state.tx.us](http://www.sbec.state.tx.us)).