

Urban Education

What can I do with this?



What is a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies?



Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies will acquire the knowledge and skills needed to provide quality education to underprivileged youth. This program focuses on four major areas of education, including 1) early childhood through 6th grade with an ESL competency (English as a Second Language), 2) early childhood through 6th grade with a bilingual competency (for those who want to teach in bilingual classrooms), 3) upper elementary through middle school, also with an ESL competency, and 4) early childhood through 12th grade with a special education focus and ESL competency. UHD's Department of Urban Education certifies successful teachers who will prepare our next generations of society's leaders.

Interested in discussing your career path possibilities?

Visit (402-S) or
Call (713-221-8980)
The [Career Development Center](#)

Professional Organizations

Affiliate yourself with groups to network and learn about the field

- ✓ *Bilingual Education Student Organization (BESO) - active chapter at UHD*
- ✓ *Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education - active chapter at UHD*
- ✓ *Mathematical Association of America (MAA) – active chapter at UHD*
- ✓ *Urban Educators' Literacy Society – active chapter at UHD*
- ✓ *National Education Association*
- ✓ *American Federation of Teachers*
- ✓ *National Association for the Education of Young Children*

Explore Career Specific Websites

<https://www.schoolspring.com/> | <https://www.teachers-teachers.com/> | <https://k12jobspot.com/> | <https://www.teach.org/find-teaching-jobs> | <http://www.educationamerica.net/> | <http://teacherjobs.com/>

Graduate School Considerations *Programs not offered at UHD

Master of Arts in Teaching	Doctor of Education *
Master of Education *	Master of Arts in Special Education *
Master of Arts in School Administration *	Doctor of Philosophy in Education *
Master of Science in Instructional Design and Delivery *	Doctor of Education in Leadership and Management *

Community Partnerships

Research local organizations that may offer field experiences to students pursuing an Urban Education degree.

Aldine Independent School District	Spring Branch Independent School District	Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District	Fort Bend Independent School District	Galena Park Independent School District
Pasadena Independent School District	Houston Independent School District	Humble Independent School District	Klein Independent School District	New Caney Independent School District
Harmony Public Schools	Alief Independent School District	Yes Prep	Citizen Schools	Monarch School

KAREN L. JAMES

Houston, TX • (936) 294-1713 • kjames@email.com
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/karen-james-bais-00ba123a>

CERTIFICATIONS

Texas Standard Generalist Certificate, EC-6, August 2016

EDUCATION

University of Houston - Downtown, Houston, TX

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, May 2016

Bachelor of Science in Math, May 2016

Activities: Bilingual Education Student Organization, Member (Fall 2014-Spring 2016)

Honors: Dean's List (5 out of 8 semesters)

Relevant Coursework: Foundations of Mathematics, Mathematical Thought, Mathematical Problem Solving

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

River Oaks Elementary School, Houston, TX

Mathematics Teacher, Fall 2016-Present

- Teach mathematics to class of 24 fifth grade students
- Develop innovative and engaging lesson plans and activities to increase student motivation and mastery of content
- Maintain discipline in classroom to ensure safety and welfare of students

George Bush Junior High, College Station, TX

Student Teacher, Spring 2016

- Collaborated with mentor teacher to develop challenging educational programs for gifted and talented students
- Managed after-school math club consisting of 50 students from diverse backgrounds to promote unity amongst those interested in mathematics
- Observed, facilitated, and taught sixth grade pre-algebra honors course

Knippa Elementary, Knippa, TX

Student Teacher, Fall 2015

- Taught fourth grade mathematics and science lessons to class of 15
- Created weekly lesson plans and activities focused on Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills preparation to encourage student success
- Drafted and implemented innovative classroom management plan that increased student compliance by 90%

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Literacy Council of Harris County, Houston, TX

Volunteer ESL Tutor, June 2013-Sept 2013

SKILLS

Language: Fluent in Spanish (written and spoken)

Computer: Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook