

Urban Education

What can I do with this?



What is a Master of Arts in Teaching with Texas Teacher Certification?



Students pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching with Texas Teacher Certification will acquire the knowledge and skills needed to provide quality education to underprivileged youth by utilizing classroom-based research methodology to support best instructional practices. This program focuses on three major areas of education, including 1) early childhood through 6th grade with an ESL (English as a Second Language) Supplemental Certification, 2) upper elementary through middle school with an ESL Supplemental Certification, and 3) a secondary subject area, also with an ESL Supplemental Certification (requires 24 credit hours of undergraduate course work for desired subject area). Upon completion of the program, students will be eligible to sit for the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TEXES) exams in order to obtain teaching certification.

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/>

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

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SUMMARY

Bilingual student at University of Houston-Downtown pursuing Master of Arts in Teaching with Texas Standard Generalist Certificate. Nurturing and compassionate educator with experience engaging with children in classroom settings. Creative and innovative with ability to think outside of the box.

EDUCATION

University of Houston-Downtown, Houston, TX

Master of Arts in Teaching with Texas Standard Generalist Certificate EC-6 Candidate, May 2018

University Of Houston-Downtown, Houston, TX

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies with a Concentration in Education, May 2016

GPA: 3.88

Relevant Coursework: Early Childhood Classroom, Foundations of Bilingual/ESL Education

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

River Oaks Elementary School, Houston, TX

Teacher Assistant, Fall 2016-Present

- Support Teacher in instructing 24 fifth grade students in reading, writing, and mathematics
- Develop engaging activities to increase student motivation and mastery of content
- Maintain discipline in classroom to ensure safety and welfare of students

Knippa Elementary, Knippa, TX

After-School Counselor, Fall 2015-Fall 2016

- Supervised 50+ students in grades 1-5, re-directing negative behaviors when needed
- Created weekly educational activities with thematic focuses, such as fire safety and healthy habits
- Established rapport with students and parents

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

CASA, Houston, TX

Advocate, Oct 2013-Present

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

Certifications: CPR/First Aid, American Red Cross (July 2020)