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.

**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!

**Field Experiences**
Observations in schools

**ST1**
Student Teaching first semester

**ST2**
Student Teaching second semester

**Teacher Candidates**
Students in the Teacher Education program

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