

University of Houston-Clear Lake - School of Education Process for Admission to Teacher Education Program

Admission to the Teacher Education Program at UH-Clear Lake requires that students complete the following mandatory criteria. Students who have not completed the following requirements will not be admitted to Teacher Education and will not be eligible to enroll in Professional Development coursework and TCED 4010/4012.

To be eligible to enter the Teacher Education Program, students must have already completed the following:

- 1. Be enrolled at University of Houston-Clear Lake in the School of Education**, or in Human Sciences and Humanities (HSH) or School of Science and Computer Engineering (SCE) as "certification seeking." Note: "Concurrently enrolled" students are not eligible. Transient students are not eligible.
- 2. Prerequisite coursework** (All three (3) courses must be completed with a C- or better & maintain GPA to remain in good academic standing.) *You may apply for TEP while enrolled in these courses; however, you will not be admitted into TEP until a successful grade shows for these courses.*
 - EDUC 4130 - Theories of Educational Psychology **or** an approved equivalent
 - INST 3133 – Survey of Instructional Technology **or**
 - TCED 6031 - Applications of Technology in the Classroom **or** an approved equivalent
 - SILC 4135 - Theories of American Pluralism **or**
 - SILC 6030 - Foundations of Multicultural Education **or** an approved equivalent

If you are not currently coded as a School of Education student and you took one or more of the above courses off-campus, you must attach a copy of a transcript showing course completion.

- 3. TASP/THEA TEST - Alternative tests (ACCESS, COMPASS, etc.) are not accepted.** Submit the following TASP/THEA scores (Reading: 260, Writing: 230, Mathematics: 230) **or** hold a U.S. master's degree or equivalent from an approved accredited university. Being TASP/THEA exempt for university admissions does not mean you are exempt for TEP purposes. Do not apply for admission to the TEP if you have not yet achieved these scores. For information on taking the TASP/THEA, contact UHCL Career & Counseling at 281-283-2580.

Official TASP/THEA scores must be on record at UH-Clear Lake Admissions or a copy of the scores must be attached to the application. *Unless you requested scores to be sent to UHCL at the time you took the test and contacted the Office*

of Admissions to request that your scores be updated in UHCL's computer system, UHCL will not have record of them.

4. **Public Speaking** - Must have completed a three-hour college level *Public Speaking* course with a grade of C- or better, or submit a "Speech Competency Form" signed and verified by a UHCL faculty member. The form or copy of the transcript (with course circled) must be attached to the TEP application. "Interpersonal Communication," "Group Communication," and "General Speech" are NOT accepted for this requirement.
5. **GPA** – Must achieve a GPA of ≥ 2.5 overall or in the last 60 semester credit hours. GPA will be calculated by the School of Education after the application is submitted. (*Fall 2009*)
6. **Content** - Complete a minimum of 12 semester credit hours in the subject-specific content area for the certificate being pursued. This requirement may be waived by achieving a passing score on a TEA-approved content exam (Graduate/Post-baccalaureate only). (*Fall 2009*)
7. **Writing Sample** - Be evaluated for certificate appropriateness by completing a written instrument of why you want to teach in your chosen area of certification, and what makes you a good candidate. (*Fall 2009*)
8. **ABC Workshop** - Visit the UHCL Office of Academic Advising Web Site: www.uhcl.edu/soe/advising. You access the presentation by clicking on "ABC Workshop Presentation" on the left.
9. **Application** - Please complete ALL blanks and requirements on the "Application for Admission to Teacher Education" (obtained at the end of #5, "ABC Workshop" above) and submit to the Certification Office Secretary in Suite B-1231-17. The Certification Office will then audit your SOE records and application. If all requirements have been met, you will be placed into the Teacher Education Program student group in PeopleSoft within one to two weeks. This will give you the ability to register for most Professional Development courses.
10. **Approval Letter** - You will receive a letter from the Certification Office of your acceptance into the Teacher Education Program. Should you receive a denial letter, you should contact the Certification Office and clear up any deficiencies. Upon completion of all requirements, you will then receive a letter of acceptance into the program. Until you receive formal approval, you may continue to take any courses on your plan except for the Professional Development block of courses and TCED 4010/4012.

The above requirements are subject to change in future semesters. Check with the Office of Academic Advising at 281-283-3600 or in B-1231 for the most recent requirements for entry into the Teacher Education Program.