

# the EDUCATOR

Fall '09

## New at UHCL! Bachelor of Applied Science



The School of Education is pleased to offer three new degree programs beginning this fall:

- Bachelor of Applied Science, Educator of Young Children
- Bachelor of Applied Science, Early Childhood Program Leadership
- Bachelor of Applied Science, Young Children with Disabilities

These early childhood-focused programs leading to a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Interdisciplinary Studies are 120 credit hour.

2 + 2 collaborative degree programs, which align with the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Child Development degree. They are focused on young children, birth through age 5, and are designed for teachers, directors and other professionals in child care, such as Head Start, Early Head Start, other infant and toddler programs, private preschools, early intervention programs, or other programs where teacher certification is not required. For more information, visit our Web site at <http://soe.uhcl.edu/bas>, or contact the School of Education at 281-283-3600.

## What is TEP? Getting into the Teacher Education Program

To enroll in the professional development coursework or TCED 4010/4012, one must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program (TEP). To be admitted to the TEP one must fulfill all of the following:

- 1. Be enrolled** at University of Houston-Clear Lake in the School of Education, or the School of Human Sciences and Humanities (HSH), or the 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 which must already be completed:**
  - EDUC 4130 - Theories of Educational Psychology or an approved equivalent
  - INST 3133 - Survey of Instructional Technologies 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. All three courses must be completed with a C- or better, and you must maintain the required 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.

- 3. TASP/THEA TEST** - Submit the following TASP/THEA scores (Reading: 260, Writing: 230, Mathematics: 230) or hold a U.S. master's degree

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## Dates to Note

Sept. 25 - Graduation application deadline for Fall 09 (apply through E-Services)

Sept. 25 - Registration deadline for Oct. 24 TOPT-Spanish Test ([www.texas.ets.org](http://www.texas.ets.org))

Sept. 26 - Last day to drop for 1st 8-Week Classes

Oct. 3 - UHCL Open House, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and ACP Informational Meeting, 10 a.m., Bayou Building

Oct. 10 - TExES practice exams, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., B1135

Oct. 12 - TExES practice exams, 4-9 p.m., Arbor 172

Oct. 12-17 - Mid-term week

Oct. 15 - STEP Scholarship Reception. Bayou Building, Garden Room, 6-7 p.m. Call 281.283.3610 for details

Oct. 26 - Spring 2010 Schedule available online

Oct. 27 - Last day to drop/withdraw for Fall 09 (regular session)

Nov. 2-12 - Spring 2010 early registration

Nov. 5 - UHCL Teacher Job Fair, Bayou Building, Atrium II, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Nov. 13 - Jan. 15 - Spring 2010 open registration

Nov. 26-28 - Thanksgiving holiday

Dec. 7-12 - Final exams

Dec. 19 - Fall 09 Commencement, 3 p.m. for SOE students, Reliant Arena

Dec. 24 - Begin winter holiday

or equivalent from an approved accredited university. Being TASP/THEA exempt for university admissions does not mean you are exempt for TEP purposes. Alternative tests (ACCESS, COMPASS, etc.) are not accepted. 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 and 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.

**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).

**7. Writing Sample** - Be evaluated for certificate appropriateness by completing a written instrument on the topic of why you want to teach in your chosen area of certification, and what makes you a good candidate.

**8. ABC Workshop** - Visit the UHCL Office of Academic Advising Web site: [www.uhcl.edu/soe/advising](http://www.uhcl.edu/soe/advising). Access the presentation by clicking on "ABC Workshop Presentation" on the left side of the Web page.

**9. Application** - Please complete ALL blanks and requirements on the "Application for Admission to Teacher Education" (obtained at the end of the "ABC Workshop" above) and submit to the Certification Office Secretary in Suite B1231-17. 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.

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**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 B1231 for the most recent requirements for entry into the Teacher Education Program.

## Key to Success: Getting Involved Outside the Classroom

Many students fall into the trap of believing that all learning and development will take place through their studies, thus spending all their time in the classroom. However, researchers have shown that success is directly and positively correlated to several factors outside of the classroom, including "time on task" and "out of classroom experiences." It is essential for you to practice what you are learning in the classroom,



*From left to right, BESO students Igdalia Flores and Diana Villareal participating in the Día de Los Niños event on April 28, 2007, at the Freeman Branch Library Clear Lake.*

in other words, taking the theory and concepts you learn in class and giving them a whirl in a real-life experience. One way to do just this is to join a professional or student organization. There are currently five organized student organizations at University of Houston- Clear Lake for education majors. These include:

- Association for Childhood Education International - ACEI
- Bilingual Education Student Organization - BESO
- Student Council for Exceptional Children - SCEC
- Student Reading Council - SRC
- Texas State Teachers Association-Student Program - TSTA-SP

To get involved or find out more information visit: [www.uhcl.edu/studentorganizations](http://www.uhcl.edu/studentorganizations) or call 281.283.2554.

## SOE Summer '09 Dean's List

**"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela**

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