

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES B.S. WITH CORE SUBJECTS EC-6 AND SPECIAL EDUCATION EC-12 (ALL LEVEL) CERTIFICATION

Degree Requirements

University Core Requirements

Communications:

WRIT 1301	Composition I
WRIT 1302	Composition II
	Equivalent to ENGL 1301 and 1302

Mathematics:

MATH 1314	College Algebra
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Life and Physical Sciences:

Choose TWO courses from the core approved list

Language, Philosophy and Culture:

Choose ONE course from the core approved list

Creative Arts:

Choose ONE course from the core approved list

U.S. History

HIST 1301	United States History I
HIST 1302	United States History II

Government/Political Science

POLS 2305	Federal Government
POLS 2306	Texas Government
	Equivalent to GOVT 2305 and 2306

Social/Behavior Science

Choose ONE course from the core approved list

Component Area Option

COMM 1315	Public Speaking
	Equivalent to SPCH 1315
PSYC 1100	Learning Frameworks
	Two 1-hr life or physical science labs - required co-requisites for the chosen science courses.

School of Education Core Requirements:

EDUC 4310	Theories of Educational Psychology
INST 3313	Survey of Instructional Technologies
SILC 4315	Theories of American Pluralism
SPED 2301	Introduction to Special Populations
	Equivalent to EDUC 2301
TCED 1301	Exploring Teaching as a Profession
	Equivalent to EDUC 1301

Major Requirements:

HLTH 3302	Health and Physical Education - EC-6 Survey
LLS 4311	Survey of Reading
LLS 4313	Corrective and Remedial Reading
LLS 4332	Diagnostic and Prescriptive Reading
LLS 4344	Reading & Writing for EC-6
MATH 1350	Fundamentals of Math I
MATH 1351	Fundamentals of Math II
SPED 4311	Assessment in Special Education
SPED 4312	Diagnostic Instruction for Learners With Special Needs
SPED 4313	Individualizing Instruction for Students With Disabilities
SPED 4321	Implementing Positive Behavior Supports
SPED 4332	Early Childhood Special Education
TCED 4100	Senior Seminar EC-12
TCED 4303	Creating Positive Learning Environments in EC-6

Choose TWO Natural Science courses in addition to the University Core

Choose ONE from the following list:

WRIT 3304	Writing for Education
WRIT 3307	Advanced Writing

Pedagogy Requirements:

TCED 4321	Social Studies Methods for EC-6
TCED 4322	Science Methods for EC-6
TCED 4323	Mathematics Methods for EC-6
TCED 4378	Pre-Service Internship I
TCED 4978	Pre-Service Internship II/Student Teaching

GPA of 2.500 or higher required in SPED coursework.

Grade of B- or better required in WRIT 3307.

All courses outside the University Core must be C- or better.

Check prerequisites before enrolling in any courses.

In the 12 hours (core included) of Science, students must have at least one course in each of the following areas: Biology, Earth Science and Physics/Chemistry/Astronomy.

Notes Regarding the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements:

To be "Highly Qualified" for employment with a Special Education EC-12 teaching certificate to teach at the Elementary level (Grades EC-6), teachers must also earn a Core Subjects EC-6, Core Subjects 4-8 or a 4-8 content-specific teaching certificate. The University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) undergraduate program includes the Core Subjects EC-6 certification. Those following a post-degree teacher certification plan will need to earn an additional certification by taking the appropriate Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES) after having completed the UHCL Special Education EC-12 program. Fully certified teachers can register for the additional TExES as "By Exam Only."

To be "Highly Qualified" for employment with a Special Education EC-12 teaching certificate to teach at the Secondary level (grades 7-12), teachers must also earn the Core Subjects 4-8 certification, a 4-8 content-specific teaching certification or a 7-12 content-specific teaching certification. Fully certified teachers can register for the additional TExES as "By Exam Only."

For secondary teachers, the federal government is allowing use of passing an additional content test or holding an additional academic major, graduate degree or hours of coursework to be considered "Highly Qualified." For information pertinent to a Special Education job within a specific school district, contact the Texas Education Agency's (TEA's) NCLB representative at 1-512-463-9374 or view its Web site at <http://tea.texas.gov/nclb>. See the sections called "Highly Qualified Teachers."