

Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Testing Options

Per the Texas Education Agency (TEA), all individuals are required to pass the appropriate teacher certification exams prior to entering a classroom as a teacher. The University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) provides two testing options for post-degree teacher certification students.

Option 1: Take content state assessments as Pre-Admission Content Tests (PACT) before admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP).

- Individuals can attempt a PACT up to five times prior to admission to the TEP.
- All required PACTs must be passed prior to or during first semester at UHCL.
- Students are not permitted to fulfill any test preparation requirements prior to taking content state assessments.
- Students are not permitted to participate in any UHCL-sponsored test preparation workshops prior to being admitted to the TEP.
- During the first semester, students must enroll in EDUC 4310, INST 3313 and SILC 4315 and apply to the TEP after passing all required content state assessments as PACTs. (The Texas Education Agency (TEA) does not allow post-degree teacher certification students to take additional course prior to being admitted to the TEP.)
- After admission to the TEP, students can continue to take required coursework.
- For students seeking a 4-8 or 7-12 certification, all content area coursework will be waived. (No coursework will be waived for students seeking an EC-6 certification.)
- Students must meet all current UHCL College of Education (COE) state assessment requirements prior to attempting the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibility state assessment.

Option 2: Take all state assessments after admission to the TEP.

- During the first semester, students must enroll in EDUC 4310, INST 3313 and SILC 4315 and apply to the TEP. (The TEA does not allow post-degree teacher certification students to take additional course prior to being admitted to the TEP.)
- After admission to the TEP, students can continue to take required coursework.
- Students must meet all current UHCL CoE state assessment requirements prior to attempting any state assessment.
- No content coursework will be waived. Students must complete all required coursework.

Required state assessments – Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES)

- Life Science 7-12 TExES #238
- Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12 TExES #160

Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Internship Options

Option 1 – Pre-service Internship/Student Teaching

- Follow Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Plan for course requirements.
- One-year internship (TCED 4378/TCED 4978) taken the last two semesters.
- Fall or spring semester start date
- Must meet internship application deadlines: **March 1** for fall internship and **October 1** for spring internship.
- All courses that include field experience must be completed prior to the start of TCED 4978.
- No more than 6 hours coursework without field experience may be taken with TCED 4978.
- Supervision by UHCL University Facilitator, UHCL-Trained Professional Development Site Supervisor and public school mentor.
- Highly mentored and supported program by 15 member school districts and UHCL faculty.
- Non-paid internship experience.

Option 2 – Alternative Certification Program Internship (ACP)

- Follow Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Plan for course requirements.
- \$60 application fee (non-refundable)
- Must pass all required state assessments, be admitted to TEP, and have 30 clock hours of field experience before admission to ACP.
- Must have an overall GPA of a 2.500 in college coursework, or a 2.500 in most recent 60 hours.
- Must meet posted ACP program and application deadlines.
- One- to three-year, supervised, paid internship. Candidate must secure full-time teaching position with a UHCL member district as a Teacher of Record in the area and at the level of certification being sought.
- Register for ACP Internship course each fall and spring semester.
- All certification coursework must be completed within three years.
- Supervision by University Supervisor and UHCL trained public school mentor
- Full-time pay, minus undergraduate tuition and fees and \$3000 program fee (\$900 for 3rd semester and beyond, if necessary)
- Refer to the College of Education's ACP website for additional information: www.uhcl.edu/education.