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

Mathematics:
- MATH 1314 College Algebra

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
- LLLS 4311 Survey of Reading
- LLLS 4313 Corrective and Remedial Reading
- LLLS 4332 Diagnostic and Prescriptive Reading
- LLLS 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."