Verification of Speech Competency
for Teacher Certification Students

As required by the State Board of Education rules for teacher certification, (Title 19, Part 7, Chapter 227, A. 10.), before students may be admitted to an educator preparation program, students must be screened for “college level skills in... oral communication.” At the University of Houston-Clear Lake, students must be able to understand and speak the English language sufficiently to use it easily and readily in conversation and teaching.

To meet this requirement, students may choose either of the following options:

1. Students must complete, or have completed, an approved 3-hour college credit public speaking course with a grade of C- or better. Public speaking is not “Interpersonal Communication” or “Group Communication.”

   OR

2. Students must complete the first five lines below, and then obtain a UHCL instructor’s signature on the bottom line. Attach this form to the Teacher Education Program application, which should be submitted to the School of Education advising office in Bayou 1231. Students should select a UHCL instructor who has observed the student's public speaking skills, such as during a formal presentation.

   Student's Name
   Student ID
   Expected Date of Completion of Certification - Semester/Year
   Instructor's Name
   Course

   I verify that this student meets the above requirement for speech competency.

   Signed _________________________ Date ________________

   UHCL Instructor’s Signature

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