

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION WITH EC-6 GENERALIST CERTIFICATION

The Bachelor of Arts in Education with EC-6 Generalist Certification offers a flexible path to becoming a Texas elementary school teacher while earning your degree. The HT Educator Preparation Program (EPP) is accredited by the Texas Education Agency State Board of Educator Certification. Students admitted to the EPP receive rigorous instruction in research-based best practices for teaching elementary Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Fine Arts, and Health/PE. Additionally, teacher candidates will acquire the knowledge and skills to teach special needs students successfully.

**Total BAED Credit Requirement** = 120 Credits

**BAED Curriculum** = 60 Credits/94 weeks

**General Education Curriculum** = 40 Credits

**Elective/Transfer Curriculum** = 20-21 Credits

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for enrollment into the Bachelor of Arts In Education EC-6 Generalist cohort, an applicant must show an ability to benefit from college-level, upper division studies as demonstrated by:

### General Admission Requirements

- 60 transferrable semester hours completed at a college or university with regional or national accreditation, or with candidacy status as documented via official transcripts.
  - If needed to meet admission credit requirements, CLEP/PEP/DANTES transcripts, AARTS transcripts, SMART transcript or a DD214 or DD295, and CCRS (formerly ACE/PONSI) transcripts are required.
  - There is no age limit to the transfer credits. All relevant coursework will be transferred within the guidelines of the program.
- One year of full-time work experience.



## Educator Preparation Program Admission

- Submit an Educator Preparation Application for Admission.
  - Following review of the application, qualified students will be contacted for an interview.
  - The interview(s) will be scheduled and conducted not more than two work weeks from the time an admission file is complete.
- Three professional letters of recommendation.
- Overall college transfer grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Students who speak English as a second language (ESL) shall present evidence of proficiency in the English language by submission of the following: TOEFL-iBT with a minimum score of 26 on Speaking and THEA scores of not more than five years old: 230 Reading, 220 Writing, 230 Math. ESL students may be exempt from the TOEFL exam if they have graduated from a U.S. high school or attended a U.S. college with an acceptable GPA on non-developmental coursework of 6 credits or more.

*Applicants may be considered for admission as further defined in the Admission Policies and Transfer of Credit Agreement.*

## Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for the BAED degree, students must have met the following requirements:

- Complete all courses in the education major with a grade of “C” or higher.
- Fulfill all required general education credits as described herein.
- Earn a minimum of 120 credits, to include the 60-credit-hour major, 21-credit-hour lower level BAED requirements, and 40 general education credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.75.
- Payment of all tuition and fees.

## COURSES IN (BAED)

These courses are required for students who wish to pursue a Bachelor’s Degree in Education. All educator preparation students are required to complete at least 30 hours of field experience prior to student teaching. Field experience is defined as introductory experience for a certification candidate involving reflective observation of EC-12 students, teachers, and faculty/staff members engaging in educational activities in a school setting. Each course meets once weekly for four hours. Total weekly study time expected of the learner outside of class sessions is approximately 20 hours.

### **ENGL 2306** | **Literature for Children and Adolescents** (3 credits/5 weeks)

This course is a survey of literature appropriate for younger readers designed to prepare prospective educators. Assignments encourage an appreciation of the importance of creative writing for children and adolescents.

### **EDUC 3311** | **Creative Arts: Music, Art, and Theater** (3 credits/5 weeks)

This course is a methods course which utilizes learning styles and brain research to increase student engagement through the use of active learning with hands-on experiences incorporating the arts and movement in teaching and learning. Practical applications in the integration of art, theatre, music, and movement activities for the elementary classroom will be explored and practiced.

## COURSES IN (BAED) Continued

### **MATH 1350** | **Fundamental Concepts of Math for Elementary Education I** (3 credits/5 weeks)

This mathematics course covers the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) objectives and the TExES competencies for grades EC-6. Emphasis will be placed on standards of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). Topics include numeration systems, number systems, non-decimal number bases, algorithms, measurement, whole number algorithms, number theory, fractions, decimals and percentages. These topics include computer solutions to many problems using student designed programs and provided programs; real vector spaces, subspaces, bases, dimensions of vector spaces, and spanning sets; eigenvalues, eigenvectors, and linear transformations. Pre-requisite: MATH 1314

### **EDUC 3301** | **Instruction for English Language Learners** (3 credits/5 weeks)

This course examines the rationale, history, and philosophy of bilingual and ESL education and develops students' understanding of the cultural and psychological influences that mediate the learning process. Emphasis will include techniques and methods of instruction, lesson planning with instructional modifications, and instructional strategies.

### **EDUC 3303** | **Instruction in a Multicultural Society** (3 credits/5 weeks)

Prospective teachers will develop curriculum and lesson plans, prepare a parent involvement plan, apply concepts of child development and differentiated instruction, and acquire knowledge of principles of classroom discipline and management through effective delivery systems. Topics include models of instruction, questioning strategies, planning for diverse student populations, and integrating technology into instruction.

### **EDUC 3305** | **Design and Application of the EC-6 Curriculum** (3 credits/5 weeks)

Course focuses on design and application of curricula including content, instructional methodologies, and assessment. Foundational theories of human development and learning will be used as students focus on the organization of content, instructional strategies, classroom environment, utilization of materials, and assessment.

### **SEDL 3314** | **Behavioral Management of Exceptional Learners** (3 credits/5 weeks)

This course focuses on behavior management strategies and techniques to prevent, alter, improve, and maintain social, emotional, and academic behaviors of exceptional learners. Special emphasis on environmental engineering, positive behavior supports, functional behavioral analysis, behavior modification techniques, and appropriate referral services are included.

### **RDNG 3311** | **Fundamentals of Literacy Instruction EC-6** (3 credits/5 weeks)

This course provides primary teachers with foundation knowledge and strategies for understanding and promoting literacy development in young children in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Emphasis is on beginning reading instruction, diagnosis and assessment, the reading standards for primary level, and the language arts TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills). Teacher candidates will acquire appropriate methods to assess and teach phonological awareness, the alphabetic principle, decoding, word analysis, fluency, and reading comprehension. Materials will be created to reinforce literacy development.

### **EDUC 3363** | **Social Studies for Teachers Grades K-8** (3 credits/5 weeks)

Designed specifically for teachers of young, and middle-school children, this course focuses on planning, organizing, and effectively delivering instruction based upon the Social Studies Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Social Studies content areas emphasized are history, geography, economics, government, citizenship, and culture. Discussions include the social and environmental consequences of scientific discovery and technological innovations.

### **RDNG 3321** | **Language Arts Across the Curriculum** (3 credits/6 weeks)

This course prepares the EC-12 teacher with understandings of the spiraling objectives in the Language Arts TEKS and how these skills and concepts can be interwoven to reinforce instruction and learning in all subject areas. Emphasis is placed on strategies to nurture research explorations, creative expression, critical thinking through writing, reading, speaking, and listening experiences.

### **MATH 1351** | **Fundamental Concepts of Math for Elementary Education II** (3 credits/5 weeks)

This mathematics course covers TEKS objectives and TExES competencies for grades EC-6. Emphasis will be placed on standards of the NCTM. Topics include rational numbers, real numbers, functions, graphs, statistics, probability, geometric shapes, measurement, geometry using congruence and similarity, coordinate geometry, and geometry using transformations. Technology, including computers and graphing calculators, will be used throughout the course. Prerequisite: MATH 1350.

### **BIOL 3301** | **Science Knowledge and Skills in Elementary Schools** (3 credits/5 weeks)

This course focuses on the concepts and skills needed to teach science in the elementary school. Topics addressed include the knowledge and skills from the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) – the curriculum of Texas public schools. Students have the opportunity to demonstrate and practice the pedagogy that they experience.

## COURSES IN (BAED) Continued

### **EDUC 4302 | Classroom Management and Learning Environments** (3 credits/6 weeks)

This course will focus on classroom management theories and models. Personal philosophy, beliefs, and teaching style will be examined as they relate to the various methods of classroom management, student discipline, and teacher-student relationships. Each teacher candidate will design a classroom management system, rules, and procedures which support a positive learning environment. Candidates will learn to recognize students with mental health issues and what interventions may be required.

### **EDUC 4306 | Assessment and Differentiation of Instruction** (3 credits/6 weeks)

Candidates will understand the integration of assessment and instruction. Topics include formal and informal assessments, diagnosing learning needs, alternative assessment, holistic grading, and rubrics. Students plan lessons, prepare materials, demonstrate methods, determine assessment techniques, and strategize modifications that support and enrich state-mandated curriculum.

### **RDNG 4322 | Diagnoststic and Corrective Reading** (3 credits/5 weeks)

This course is required for special education, EC-6 and 7-12 grade teacher candidates. Students learn to administer both formal and informal diagnostic reading assessments. Using data, students design, implement, and monitor instruction focused on individual children's needs. Interventions include direct instruction and use of games, manipulative's, and technology-supported instruction. Students explore commercial materials and compare a variety of reading programs.

### **EDUC 3365 | K-12 Content Knowledge & Skills with Certification Exam Preparation** (3 credits/6 weeks)

Prospective teachers will understand the scope and sequence of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) curriculum in their respective subject areas. Students correlate TEKS to STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) and to standards in the state subject certification tests as well as the Texas College and Career Readiness Standards. Six hours of TExES certification test preparation is provided.

### **EDUC 4907 | Student Teaching Field Experience** (9 credits/12 weeks)

In this capstone course, the teacher candidate will practice instructional competency under the supervision of a classroom teacher five days per week, all day, for one semester in a Texas Education Agency accredited school setting. As a professional practitioner, the candidate will demonstrate effective assessment, planning, implementation, and critical reflection. In addition, the candidate will participate in a weekly one-hour seminar. Co-requisite: EDUC 4307.

### **EDUC 4307 | Student Teaching Seminar** (3 credits/12 weeks)

This course meets on the HT campus once a week and must be taken concurrently with the student teaching field experience course. Students discuss strategies for success and issues of concern related to the student teaching experience. Professional development activities include instructional seminars, guest speakers, resume and interview preparation. Co-requisite: EDUC 4907.