

Did You Know?

Bilingual teachers in Houston can earn an additional stipend of **\$4000-\$5000** PER YEAR depending on the district.

Testimonial

I have twelve years of experience as a bilingual teacher. I graduated from UHD, a university that I strongly recommend if you want to become a teacher. I think it was the best decision I could have made in my life as a professional. First of all, the staff and all of the professors I had were experienced and very knowledgeable. I have wonderful memories from them. I loved their accessibility to help us when we needed it. Personally, this direct connection with my professors made a great impact on my education at UHD.

The setting of the classes at UHD is another important aspect to consider. It is a safe, diverse learning environment. There is a great variety of resources that meet its students' needs. (I remember staying in the study library rooms, studying with my classmates, getting ready for a test or special assignments. They were very comfortable and safe rooms).

Another super strong area at UHD is the field opportunity that you are given throughout your professional career to be exposed closely to direct and unique experiences. In my case, the experience I had directly in the classroom as a student teacher, always put me ahead of other competitors. A huge variety of the successful teachers I have known in my district and in other school districts are former UHD colleagues. The rigor and field preparation offered by the university are unique and make you competitive in your field work.

Go Gators!!

Irasema Gonzáles

Third grade bilingual teacher



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How can we support you?



SCHOLARSHIPS

Several scholarships are open for application by undergraduate preservice teachers admitted to the UE program. These can be used towards tuition, books, fees, and/or supplies. Visit bit.ly/UEScholarships to learn more.



CERTIFICATION

Teacher candidates receive continuous support to prepare for the required Texas Educator certification exams.



ACADEMICS

UHD offers a 123 hours degree plan for future bilingual educators. At least five of the required courses are taught by bilingual faculty, who bring their expertise in PK-12 public and private school education to help future bilingual educators develop strong teaching skills.

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TEACHER?**



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Top Six Reasons to Become a Bilingual Educator at UHD

The Core Subjects EC-6 with Bilingual Supplemental certification program is for those interested in teaching Emergent Bilinguals (EBs) in grades early childhood through sixth with instruction in Spanish and English.



1. TEXAS STUDENTS NEED YOU!

School districts across Texas need bilingual certified educators. Ninety-four percent of school districts in Texas have identified Emergent Bilinguals (EBs). Ninety percent of those EBs speak Spanish as their native language.



4. SMALL CLASS SIZES.

The average class size in the Department is less than 20 students. Teacher candidates receive the attention and support needed to succeed.



5. YOU WILL BUILD AN ADVOCACY NETWORK.

Teacher candidates develop a knowledge base that allows them to advocate for bilingualism, biliteracy and interculturalism, starting with our active chapter of BESO, the national bilingual preservice teacher organization.



6. TARGETED HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Our program places teacher candidates at local district campuses in bilingual/dual language settings for more than twice the state required hours. This affords teacher candidates more opportunity to experience the classroom and engage with students and teachers as they hone their skill set.



2. YOU WILL LEARN FROM TOP FACULTY.

The faculty in the Department of Urban Education are committed to supporting future bilingual educators to learn from practice, theory and research in the classroom. Additionally, UE faculty regularly collaborate with local school districts to stay informed on current issues, are involved in creation and revision of certification exams, and provide support for exam preparation.



3. THREE STRATEGIC LOCATIONS.

Teacher candidates have the flexibility to complete their program during the day or evening at any of three UHD locations: Kingwood, Northwest and Downtown.

What Are My Next Steps?

Bilingual teachers need to teach content areas like math, language arts, social studies and science. They also need to communicate professionally orally and in writing with parents and other stakeholders in Spanish.

HOW YOU CAN PREPARE NOW

You will need to add a new domain of Spanish to the Spanish skills you already have. Here are some suggestions for doing so:



Read, read, read in Spanish! Read books, magazines, and websites. Read in Spanish about bilingual education. The UHD Dykes library and our public libraries are great resources, and you can read online as well.



Listen to material you do not ordinarily listen to in Spanish, like podcasts, news, etc.



Write in Spanish! One easy way to start would be to keep a journal.



Once you have read and listened to these new topics, talk with someone in Spanish about what you learned.



Find ways to fit this practice into your life every day.

Did You Know?



UHD Leads the way in Bilingual Educator Preparation. It has been ranked among the **TOP 5 PROGRAMS** in Texas by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for preparing candidates to teach Emergent Bilingual students.