DEPARTMENT OF TEACHER AND BILINGUAL EDUCATION

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Welcome to the Department of Teacher and Bilingual Education!

The Department of Teacher and Bilingual Education serves the entire university as the home for Educator Preparation Program at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. All paths leading to Texas certification, regardless of college, whether undergraduate or graduate, are guided by the College of Education and Human Performance through the Department of Teacher and Bilingual Education and the Center for Educator Preparation Services.

We offer five specialized master’s degree programs and the nation’s first Bilingual Education Doctorate. Highlights of our program are our outstanding faculty who offer nurturing academic environments for learning through traditional, hybrid, and online course delivery. We house the King Ranch Early Childhood Center and we sponsor the Annual Conference in Bilingual Education since 1975 (44 years).

We invite you to pursue the dynamic careers that await you in the education profession; begin or continue your academic journey through the Department of Teacher and Bilingual Education.

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Courses

Bilingual Education (EDBL)

EDBL 5305 Graduate Research Project 3 SCH (3)
Designed for project option students and requires completion of research project. Prerequisite: departmental approval. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 semester hours.

EDBL 5306 Thesis 3 SCH (3)
Designed for thesis option students. The course requires completion of thesis research. Prerequisite: departmental approval. May be repeated for maximum of 6 semester hours.

EDBL 5338 Foundations of Bilingual Educ 3 SCH (3-0)
Introduction to conceptual, linguistic, sociological, historical and legal foundations of bilingual education.

EDBL 5358 Bil Child Biculture Env 3 SCH (3-0)
Psychological and sociological perspectives on the child's learning environment.

EDBL 5386 Math Sci and SS in Bil Clsr 3 SCH (3-0)
Methods, techniques and vocabulary needed for teaching mathematics, science and social studies in Spanish will be presented.

EDBL 5387 Lang Arts and Read in Bil Clsr 3 SCH (3-0)
An examination of methods and techniques for teaching oral skills, reading and writing in the bilingual classroom. Relationship among the communication skills will be explored.

Early Childhood (EDEC)

EDEC 5305 Graduate Research Project 3 SCH (3)
Designed for project option students. A graduate research project must be completed and submitted to the Department Office for a grade to be assigned, otherwise an S or U notation is recorded. Prerequisite: departmental approval. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 semester hours.

EDEC 5316 Soc and Natural Sci Studies 3 SCH (3-0)
Content and methods for promotion development of knowledge, skills and attitudes in social and natural sciences for preschool children. Unit themes will be developed for integrating curriculum.

EDEC 5333 Foundations of Early Ch Curr 3 SCH (3-0)
Historical, philosophical, sociological and psychological bases for early childhood curriculum design. The representation of research, theory and professional recommendation in developmentally appropriate practice.

EDEC 5334 Prof Lab Exper Early Ch Ed 3 SCH (3-0)
Practicum in observing and recording behavior of young children. Assignments in developmentally appropriate activities for preschool children. May be repeated once. Prerequisite: 12 hours of Early Childhood Education.

EDEC 5335 Integrated Curriculum in Bil Clsr 3 SCH (3-0)
An advanced course in curriculum design with an emphasis on integration of content areas for instruction. Math, science, language, arts and social studies scope and sequence will be presented. Adaptations for special populations will be included.

EDEC 5349 Creative Activities and Play 3 SCH (3-0)
A study of creative thought and behavior in young children. Methods and materials for teaching art, music and dramatics for young children. Theories of play and development.

EDEC 5351 Spec Prob Sem in Early Ch Ed 3 SCH (0-3)
The identification and research of specific problems as they relate to preschool programs. May be repeated once.

EDEC 5352 Sem Early Childhood Prog Lead 3 SCH (0-3)
The identification and study of the elements, issues, and challenges of leading an early childhood program.

EDEC 5359 Math in Early Childhood Ed 3 SCH (3-0)
Development of logical thought and reasoning in young children. Developmentally appropriate activities and materials for promoting quantitative concepts.
EDEC 5369 Emergent Lit in Early Ch Educ 3 SCH (3-0)
Emergent literacy as simultaneous development of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Linking research findings to early childhood philosophy and integrated program implementation.

Education (EDED)

EDED 5303 Internship in Instr Tech 3 SCH (0-3)
Field-based projects and experiences for the purpose of practical application of instructional technology.

EDED 5304 Alt Cert Teaching Intmshp 3 SCH (3-0)
Designed for teachers seeking certification under the alternative certification program. Provides extensive supervised experiences in a setting aligned with student’s chosen program. Prerequisite: bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution, employment by a school district and criteria for admission to the alternative certification program. Course is repeated consecutively for two three-credit hour courses to meet state alternative certification requirements of six hours of internship.

EDED 5305 Graduate Project 3 SCH (3-0)
This course is specifically designed for project option students. A graduate research project must be completed and submitted to the Department Office for a grade to be assigned, otherwise an S or U notation is recorded. Prerequisite: departmental approval. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 semester hours.

EDED 5307 Novice Teacher Induct Seminar 3 SCH (3-0)
Designed for novice teachers in high need schools. Provides an opportunity for them to strengthen their development in the three major areas research has identified as critical to teacher induction programs: coping with personal and professional issues, adjusting to the climate and culture of the school site and system and developing effective instructional and classroom management skills. The course goals are to aid in the formation of participants’ professional identity as teachers and life-long learners and to provide them with personal and professional support to help cope with the realities of the first year in the classroom.

EDED 5315 Classroom Dynamics 3 SCH (3-0)
Demonstrates the integration of two or more academic subjects into a learner-centered lesson that provides effective instruction for a diverse student population; evaluates the impact of the physical, cognitive, psychological, and social aspects of child development on creation of a classroom environment that facilitates optimum growth of the whole child.

EDED 5318 Adv Strategs and Lrng Theories 3 SCH (3-0)
Advanced teaching skills and strategies for experienced teachers. Verbal and nonverbal instructional strategies and positive discipline approaches.

EDED 5320 Multimedia Design & Production 3 SCH (3-0)
Provides opportunities to experience the instructional design process as applied to the development of a computer-based instructional prototype module. Opportunity to interact with subject matter experts, draft a comprehensive design approach and implement ideas using an authoring system. Focuses on facilitating connections between instructional design literature and practice of designing and developing instruction using multimedia technology.

EDED 5321 Instructional Tech Leadership 3 SCH (3-0)
Analyzes the roles of the technology leader in an educational environment, including developing, planning, implementing and evaluating an initiative for technology integration. Emphasis will be placed on effective decision making strategies which optimize high quality learner outcomes.

EDED 5325 Instructional Design 3 SCH (3-0)
This course focuses on the application of instructional design principles to the systematic development of instruction. Upon completion of the course, students will have designed, developed, implemented, and evaluated a unit of instruction as well as materials related to its implementation, for a selected audience following the Dick and Carey model.

EDED 5327 Intro to Online Learning 3 SCH (3-0)
Explores effective instructional technology and design strategies in the online classroom. The course will include theory to support examination and analysis of current practices, analysis and synthesis of research, and discussion of issues related to teaching and learning in online environments.

EDED 5329 Educational Research 3 SCH (0-3)
Use of resources, techniques and basic skills.

EDED 5336 Adv Child/Adol Dev/Behavior 3 SCH (3-0)
Study of the child and adolescent in contemporary society; ethnic background, interests, attitudes, values and needs; self-concept adjustment mechanisms; learning process, social, emotional, and sexual development. Effectively working with teachers and EC-12 students.

EDED 5371 Education Special Problems 3 SCH (3-0)
Study of school problems in designated areas approved by the university. May be repeated for credit when topic changes.

EDED 5376 Pedagogical Methods 3 SCH (3-0)
Examination and implementation of developmentally appropriate instructional, assessment and management strategies and techniques with an emphasis on problem-based, inquiry-based and technology-based learning; development of extended inter- and intra-disciplinary learning experiences for all learners from K-12 utilizing appropriate TEKS, resources and materials.
English as a Second Language (EDSL)

EDSL 5320 Research in Eng as a Sec Lang 3 SCH (3-0)
This course focuses on research in ESL with special emphasis on research methods suitable to the field.

EDSL 5330 ESL Assessment for Elem Sec Lev 3 SCH (3-0)
An overview of testing theories and procedures; review of tests available for use in ESL classrooms. Prerequisites: admittance to Master’s Program in ESL.

EDSL 5333 Contrstiv Analy Span and Eng 3 SCH (3-0)
The study of contrastive analysis and its application in identifying potential problem areas for Spanish speakers learning English as a Second Language.

EDSL 5335 Teach Mats for Elem Sec Clrm 3 SCH (3-0)
The evaluation, adaptation and development of instructional materials in ESL suitable for different elementary and secondary classroom environments.

EDSL 5367 Lang Acquisition and Devel 3 SCH (3-0)
Theories of child’s first language acquisition and second language learning presented and researched.

EDSL 5377 Teach Eng as a Second Lang 3 SCH (3-0)
Theories and methodologies for teaching listening, speaking, reading and writing of English as a second language.

Reading (EDRG)

EDRG 5305 Graduate Research Project 3 SCH (3)
Designed for project option students and requires completion of research project. Prerequisite: departmental approval. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 semester hours.

EDRG 5314 Rdg Diagnosis & Remediation 3 SCH (3-0)
Identification of specific reading problems through both quantitative and qualitative examination of reading skills. Individually administered diagnostic instruments. Remediation techniques appropriate for overcoming the reading difficulty. Supervised case study work. Prerequisites: EDRG 5372.

EDRG 5332 Using Trade Books to Teach Rdg 3 SCH (3-0)
Evaluation, selection and use of children’s books in the elementary classroom are emphasized. Special attention is given to using children’s literature to teach reading in the elementary school setting.

EDRG 5348 Wkshp in Teachng the Lang Arts 3 SCH (0-3)
The application of methods and materials to develop the essential elements of language arts (listening, speaking, writing and language) in the elementary classroom. Emphasis on diagnosis and remediation of individual students. Attention given to state testing programs.

EDRG 5371 Foundations of Reading 3 SCH (3-0)
Various models of the reading process as well as the sociological, physiological, psychological and educational factors influencing reading development are presented and researched. Also included are theories of language and literacy acquisition and development.

EDRG 5372 Developmental Reading 3 SCH (3-0)
Topics such as reading readiness, beginning reading, word recognition and comprehension skills, needs assessment and instructional strategies. Fee: $55.00

EDRG 5373 Improving Reading in Sec Sch 3 SCH (3-0)
Needs of students in secondary reading courses are examined and appropriate strategies for meeting those needs investigated. Special attention given to using adolescent literature to fulfill the state reading essential element requirements in secondary reading classes.

EDRG 5375 Org and Supervisn of Rdg Prog 3 SCH (3-0)
Developing, implementing, supervising and evaluating reading programs and various approaches to teaching reading. For principals, supervisors, consultants and reading specialists. Prerequisites: EDRG 5372 and 3 additional hours of reading courses.

EDRG 5376 Sem in Spec Probs in Rdg 3 SCH (0-3)
A seminar investigating special topics in reading assessment, curriculum or instruction designed for reading specialists, supervisors, consultants and resource teachers. May be repeated for credit when topics change. Prerequisite: 6 hours of graduate reading courses.

EDRG 5377 Clin Practicum in Reading 3 SCH (0-3)
Experience in developing competency in diagnosis and remediation of reading deficiencies in clinical setting. Prerequisite: EDRG 5314 and EDRG 5372.

Special Education (EDSE)

EDSE 5304 Research in Special Educ 3 SCH (3-0)
Presents the principles and methodology of conducting research in special education; reviews and evaluates pertinent research studies and recent trends in the field; facilitates the preparation for a proposal for a research project.
EDSE 5305  Graduate Research Project  3 SCH (3)
Designed for project option students and requires completion of research project. Prerequisite: departmental approval. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 semester hours.

EDSE 5306  Thesis  3 SCH (3)
Designed for thesis option students. The course requires completion of thesis research. Prerequisite: departmental approval. May be repeated for maximum of 6 semester hours.

EDSE 5313  Spec Pop Legis Litigatn Advoc  3 SCH (3-0)
State and federal legislation and litigation ensuring the rights of special populations for full participation in American society. Effective lifespan advocacy with and for individuals from special populations and their families. Prerequisite: EDSE 5360.

EDSE 5320  Special Ed Special Problems  3 SCH (0-3)
Study of designated areas in special education as approved by the university. May be repeated for credit when topics change. Prerequisite: EDSE 5360.

EDSE 5323  Curr Adapt Exc Biling Student  3 SCH (3-0)
Curriculum needs and program planning for culturally and linguistically different exceptional students. Prerequisite: EDSE 5360.

EDSE 5333  Bilingual Child Spec Ed  3 SCH (3-0)
An overview of special education issues relevant to handicapped, limited English proficient children. Prerequisite: EDSE 5360.

EDSE 5360  Accom Diverse Poplatn in Clsrn  3 SCH (3-0)
Introduction to the characteristics and education of exceptional learners. Emphasizes classroom practices and psychological, sociological and medical aspects of disabilities. Inclusionary practices in various educational contexts are investigated.

EDSE 5361  Ed and Psy Measrmt and Eval  3 SCH (3-0)
Diagnostic and instructional assessment of individuals with handicaps for collaborative education decision-making. Selection and administration of measures for comprehensive evaluation of individuals within their environments. A minimum of 15 hours of field experience is required. Prerequisite: EDSE 5360.

EDSE 5362  Behav Aspec Clsrn Org and Mgt  3 SCH (3-0)
Development of a broadened perspective on socioemotional disorders. Educational translation and synthesis of psychoeducational theoretical approaches and classroom application into the most viable alternatives to meet the educational needs of special populations. A minimum of 15 hours of field experience is required. Prerequisite: EDSE 5360.

EDSE 5364  Design Instr and Behav Progs  3 SCH (3-0)
Major program designs, curricular goals, content and instructional strategies effective with persons identified as having a range of handicapping conditions and provision of a supportive rationale for these strategies based upon current literature, research and practice. A minimum of 15 hours of field experience is required. Prerequisite: EDSE 5360.

EDSE 5365  Adv Practicum in Spec Educ  3 SCH (0-3)
Individualized field experiences providing opportunity for observation, research and intervention with persons who are handicapped. Experiences in direct and indirect service in professional settings. Prerequisite: EDSE 5360, EDSE 5361, and EDSE 5366.

EDSE 5366  Indiv Psychol and Educ Testng  3 SCH (3-0)
Focuses on opportunities for gaining extensive field experience in the administration of standardized individual psychological and educational batteries to children and youth, ages 3-21. Prerequisites: EDSE 5360, EDSE 5361.
Fee: $55.00

EDSE 5367  Assess Ind Severe Disabilities  3 SCH (3-0)
Presents a variety of assessment techniques and tools designed specifically for individuals teaching or assessing students with severe disabilities. A minimum of 15 hours of field experience is required. Prerequisites: EDSE 5360, EDSE 5361.

EDSE 5370  Id Young Chldrn with Spe Needs  3 SCH (3-0)
Process of identifying young children, ages birth to six, who have disabilities. Assessment strategies and techniques will be emphasized. Fifteen hours of field work are included. Prerequisites: EDSE 5360, EDSE 5361.

EDSE 5373  Development and Disability  3 SCH (3-0)
Emphasizes development from the prenatal period through early adulthood. Considers various theories and factors affecting human differences. Explores the cognitive, affective and psychomotor development of persons having a range of disabilities, from mild to multiple and severe. Prerequisite: EDSE 5360.

Degree Requirements
The Department of Teacher and Bilingual Education offers a Master of Arts and a Master of Science in in Bilingual Education, a Master of Science in Reading Specialization, a Master of Science in Education, a Master of Education in Early Childhood, and a Master of Education in Special Education. The programs are designed to serve the professional staff development needs of educators. Students can earn supplemental certificates valid in Texas while completing their master’s degree.
Bilingual Education, M.A. or M.S.
The Master’s degree in Bilingual Education is designed to promote the professional development of school personnel involved in meeting the educational needs of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students. The program is open to teachers, administrators, counselors, supervisors, and other professionals interested in the education of language minority students. Courses are conveniently scheduled to accommodate the needs of persons working full-time. The department also offers courses leading to certification.

Early Childhood, M.Ed.
The Early Childhood Program offers a master’s degree (M.Ed.) in early childhood education. The program is designed to serve the professional development needs of educators.

Education, M.S.
The education classes serve to prepare individuals to work in all areas of education and many education related fields.

This degree provides for 18 graduate hours in education and 18 graduate hours in a field of choice. It will prepare students to teach dual enrollment courses, community college courses and/or pursue a higher degree.

Reading Specialist EC-12, Certificate
The College of Education and Human Performance is accredited as a Reading Specialist EC-12 preparation program. The Reading Specialist EC-12 certificate is designed to be especially useful in working with students having difficulty in learning to read. The program emphasizes building on student’s strengths and on providing program results in a Master of Science degree awarded by the university and certification as a Reading Specialist issued by the State Board for Educator Certification after passing the Reading Specialist TExES exam and upon evidence of a minimum of 2 years of creditable teaching experience.

In addition to admission to the Graduate College, individuals interested in pursuing certification for Reading Specialist EC-12 must also submit an Application for Admission to Educator Preparation-Professional Class. Applications are available via the program coordinator or by contacting the Certification Coordinator located in Rhode Hall 112. Applicants to this program must hold a minimum of a bachelor’s degree.

Special Education, M.Ed.
A career as a special education professional is a challenging one which offers various opportunities to work with students, their families, other professionals and the community to enable students with disabilities to become a successful member of society. Special educators are in great demand nationwide and the profession offers many career options.

The 36 semester hour M.Ed. degree in special education includes a supporting field and/or combined studies which provide eligibility for certification in Texas in the following areas: Special Education Teacher, Educational Diagnostician, Special Education Director, Special Education Supervisor or Special Education Visiting Teacher.

Educational Diagnostician EC-12, Certificate
The College of Education and Human Performance is accredited as an Educational Diagnostician EC-12 preparation program. Successful completion of this preparation program results in a Master of Education degree awarded by the university and certification as an Educational Diagnostician issued by the State Board for Educator Certification after passing the TExES exam and upon evidence of a minimum of 2 years of creditable teaching experience.

In addition to admission to the Graduate College, individuals interested in pursuing certification for Educational Diagnostician EC-12 must also submit an Application for Admission to Educator Preparation-Professional Class. Applications are available via program coordinator or by contacting the Certification Coordinator located in Rhode Hall 112. Applicants to this program must hold a minimum of a bachelor’s degree and a valid classroom teaching certificate.

Specialization in English as a Second Language (EDSL)
The Department of Teacher and Bilingual Education offers courses in English as a Second Language (ESL). The courses are designed to prepare teacher educators for leadership roles with educational institutions that serve culturally and linguistically diverse children and adults in the U.S.A. as well as global contexts (e.g., where English is a lingua franca or language for wider-communication). The Department of Teacher and Bilingual Education offers a Master of Arts and a Master of Science in Bilingual Education, a Master of Science in Reading Specialization, a Master of Science in Education, a Master of Education in Early Childhood, and a Master of Education in Special Education. The programs are designed to serve the professional staff development needs of educators. Students can earn supplemental certificates valid in Texas while completing their master’s degree.