The Department of Language, Literacy and Special Populations is known for its belief in the importance of research, the interconnectedness of literacy with the language arts and other content fields, the importance of meeting the literacy needs of all learners, and the interactive relationship of assessment and instruction.

Our program's philosophical base could best be summarized as "socio-psycholinguistic constructivism" and we also ascribe to the importance of affect on learning, cognitive theories and critical theory.

Sam Houston State University graduates are some of the most highly recruited reading specialists in the state as follow-up surveys of graduates and employers attest.

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN READING

Sam Houston State University is ready to prepare reading leaders who can impact district level policies, address the needs of faculty working with developmental reading students at the community colleges, and prepare teachers at the university level.

".... Literacy is, finally, the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman and child can realize his or her full potential."

-- Kofi Annan

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN READING

The Doctor of Education in Reading is a 60-hour degree program with courses on the SHSU campus and at the University Center located in The Woodlands, Texas. Courses can be completed in three years while the dissertation must be completed within six years. The components of the Ed.D in Reading program are:

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### Participating in the Reading Doctoral Program has been a Life-Changing Experience for Me

D. Willingham, Adult Literacy Specialist
Professor, DS English
Lone Star College - Tomball, Texas

I could not have chosen a better place to work on a doctorate in Reading. The courses and professors provide balance in their backgrounds, knowledge, and theoretical perspectives. The level of expertise, support, and guidance from faculty has been invaluable throughout.

I recommend this program to others interested in a doctoral in Reading all the time. That's how strongly I feel about it.

Traci Seils, ELA/R Coordinator
Region VI ESC

### DEDICATED FACULTY & MENTORS

As a doctoral student, you will have the opportunity to mentor with a number of outstanding faculty members. Each of these nationally-recognized and award-winning professors have years of educational and research experience and are dedicated and committed educators. The faculty actively participate in a number of reading organizations to stay at the forefront of the changing world of literacy. These include: The International Reading Association, the National Reading Conference, The American Educational Research Association, and the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers.

### SCHOLARSHIPS, ASSISTANTSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

Scholarship opportunities and financial assistance are available to all students. In fact, over 50% of those enrolled at the university receive some form of financial support. The department maintains Teaching and Research Assistantship positions each semester. These doctoral candidates help support the department, faculty and students in both non-lecture capacities and teaching undergraduate courses.

### SHSU & THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Sam Houston State University has been named in The Princeton Review website as one of the "Best of the West" since 2007. Of the 123 "western" schools listed, 21 were selected from the 74 public and private colleges and universities in Texas including Rice, TCU, Texas State-San Marcos, UT, and A&M. SHSU was one of 12 colleges and universities nationwide featured in the US News and World Report online edition's "America's Best College" publication.

The College of Education is consistently ranked among the top schools of education. It is one of the oldest teacher preparation institutions in Texas and one of only seven public universities in Texas with current national accreditation (NCATE).

### OPEN THE DOOR TO YOUR FUTURE

Further your studies and career at Sam Houston's top ranked College of Education. The minimum requirements to be considered for this highly-competitive program are:

- Completed application
- A Master's Degree in Reading or related field
- A 3.0 graduate GPA
- Acceptable Graduate Record Examination/Miller Analogy scores
- Current TOEFL scores for international students
- Three letters of recommendation
- Teaching certificate with Reading Specialist Endorsement and/or three years teaching experience
- Official copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts
- Personal 1,000 word essay (typed, double-spaced, written in narrative form)
- Advisory Committee Interview