Departments in the College of Education:
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Educational Leadership
- Counselor Education
- Language, Literacy and Special Populations
- Library Science
A BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Founded in 1879 as Sam Houston Normal Institute, SHSU has the oldest teacher preparation program in Texas. Today, our Educator Preparation Program is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the State Board of Educator Certification.

The interdisciplinary studies degree is offered at the main campus in Huntsville and at the Woodlands Center in The Woodlands.

The College of Education has partnered with many school districts to provide students the field experience necessary for the completion of their degree. These districts reach from Buffalo ISD in the north to Brazosport ISD in the south and from Brenham ISD in the west to Livingston ISD in the east. About 75% of SHSU graduates are hired by one of these districts after graduation.

REQUIREMENTS

Students interested in teaching grades EC - 6, special education EC - 12, or bilingual-Spanish in EC - 6 will major in interdisciplinary studies. Students interested in teaching grades 4 - 8 will also major in interdisciplinary studies, but will minor in the preferred teaching field such as science, mathematics, social studies, or language arts. Students interested in teaching grades 8 -12 will major in the preferred subject (teaching field) and will minor in secondary education.

All students will complete a semester in student teaching prior to graduation to obtain hands-on field experience.

Minors: Various requirements based upon selected teaching route.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The College of Education offers numerous scholarships to qualified students in the Educator Preparation Program. These scholarships are awarded each spring and some are available for entering freshmen. A variety of grant opportunities and loan forgiveness programs are also available. Students may apply for non-degree specific scholarships by completing the Scholarships4Kats online application. Transfer scholarships are also available. Between available scholarships and grants, most teaching students graduate debt-free.

TOP FIVE AREAS OF TEACHING NEEDED IN TEXAS

1. Mathematics
2. Science
3. Special Education
4. Bilingual
5. English as a Second Language