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M具体 degrees

ADMINISTRATION, MED

Specifically designed for teachers, this program produces proficient school administrators who are well educated in school administration and organization; effective leadership strategies; campus business management; program evaluation; and state and local school regulations.

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, MA

This program provides you with the necessary coursework to pursue professional licenses (LPC) within the State of Texas. You will receive complete and broad based training preparing you to work with diverse clients in community mental health centers, community agencies, psychiatric facilities, and private practice. Elective coursework may be used to provide additional training in the treatment of children or in the treatment of marriage and families.

COUNSELING, MED

This program provides the necessary coursework and training to prepare for School Counseling Certification. School counselors provide academic, career, college readiness, and personal/social support to K-12 students. Elective coursework may be used to provide additional training for school counselors (preparation for a professional counselor (LPC) or the treatment of children with play therapy courses offered at the new facility in The Woodlands.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION, MED

Intended for those that already have a teacher certification, this program prepares you with the foundations to research, develop, and implement curriculum changes to support student academic achievement. Candidates within the program complete elective hours to provide additional training in curriculum and instruction or a teaching field of interest.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION, MED WITH TEACHER CERTIFICATION

This program provides in-depth training in the teaching of primary and secondary school students. This program prepares you to be a teacher to plan, implement, assess, and modify instruction. The program requires eight weeks of student teaching in the State of Texas certification exam. By employing a variety of teaching methods, this program prepares you as a teacher to plan, implement, assess, and modify instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners in the Texas public schools.

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION, MA

This is an online program designed to enhance higher education career related roles. The program focuses on student success and academic affairs, career services, leadership, residence life, financial aid, student success, resource allocation, assessment, and other foundational aspects of higher education.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP, MA OR MED

This program is designed specifically for the candidate who wishes to work in a leadership position in schools, agencies, businesses, or organizations. The MA emphasizes research and requires the completion of a thesis while the MED is a 6-credit degree that requires all coursework to be completed in Instructional Leadership.

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY, MED

This program provides you with the foundational knowledge, curriculum and instruction, and technology education. It is designed to provide you with the skills to effectively use instructional technology for classroom or professional training.

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY, MED

The program prepares you to teach English as a second or foreign language. The program addresses the theories of language instruction, and incorporates research based best practices for teaching English language learners.

LIBRARY SCIENCE, MED

Designed for those that already have a teacher certification, this online program is designed to prepare proficient professionals for school librarian. The library science program focuses on a variety of professional library skills and utilizes the latest advances in technology and information literacy to prepare students to collaborate with teachers, manage Internet media, and maintain a successful library.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS, MED

The program is designed for practicing educators in the field to strengthen an understanding of literacy for application in the classroom. Educators take coursework that provides preparation in reading instruction, assessment, and leadership for reading programs. After completion of the degree, educators will then be eligible to take the Reading Specialist Certification examination.

SPECIAL EDUCATION (EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSTICIAN), MED

This program provides students with special needs in diverse school and community settings. The program’s coursework includes school psychology courses, and provides the academic foundations necessary for certification as an Educational Diagnostician, to assess and diagnose the learning problems of students.

SPECIAL EDUCATION (LOW INCIDENCE DISABILITIES AND AUTISM), MED

The Doctor of Education in Literacy provides the highest professional degree available to students interested in reading, language, and writing.

CERTIFICATES

COUNSELOR EDUCATION, PHD

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EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, ED

If you aspire to a leadership position in a school or university, the EdD in Educational Leadership is the highest professional degree offered. It requires a prescribed curriculum of courses in addition to a major research project resulting in the presentation and defense of a dissertation. This program offers tracks in K-12 Administration and Higher Education Administration.

DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION, EDD

The online EdD in Developmental Education Administration is an interdisciplinary program that prepares you to develop and administer programs for underprepared college students, or to teach developmental courses at the college, community colleges, or universities.

LITERACY, EDD

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