Enlighten a Mind through Teaching

The Curriculum and Instruction programs at Sam Houston State University are designed to improve and extend the professional competence of early childhood, middle, and secondary teachers; to prepare teachers for special positions in schools; and to prepare students for doctoral work in university graduate programs. Our graduates will demonstrate the skills, knowledge, and dispositions necessary to create a positive learning environment.

Our highly qualified faculty members have public school teaching experience and bring to the classroom their wide range of training and experience to assist students in their endeavors.

Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction
with Teacher Certification
This MEd is a 30 hour program designed for students who are seeking initial teacher certification as part of a master’s program. Eighteen of the total hours are applicable as certification courses. Students in this program are required to complete an internship in classroom instruction.

Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification
This 12 hour certification program, with either student teaching or a paid internship, is designed for students who are seeking initial teacher certification without obtaining a master’s degree at the same time.

Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction
This MEd is a 30 hour program designed for students who are interested in researching, developing, and implementing curriculum changes to support student achievement. This program allows students to focus on curriculum methodology, pedagogy, and theoretical applications and how to apply these skills in the classroom. In addition, this program is designed for students who wish to teach dual credit courses and/or courses at the community college level.

Adult Education Certificate
This 12 hour graduate certificate program provides the necessary training needed to effectively teach adult students and will be beneficial to individuals wishing to teach adults in business, non-profit organizations, and/or institutions of higher learning.

Comparative and International Education Certificate
This 12 hour graduate certificate program is designed for students who are currently working as teachers or school/district administrators, for international students who seek to become more knowledgeable about educational philosophies and policies across the globe through examining comparative practices, and for individuals who wish to work with refugees and immigrants in an educational context.
Why Earn a Master’s Degree in Education at Sam?

As a student at SHSU, you will benefit from receiving an exceptional learning experience from a well-established and respected department that has a long history of delivering quality education. Our graduate programs have been structured and aligned to the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities Standards and Technology Applications, standards required by the Texas State Board for Educator Certification. With online and evening courses, these programs offer the flexibility that will allow you to continue working on the job while enhancing your future career opportunities.

Publish and Present Your Work

You will have the opportunity to become actively involved in research by publishing and presenting your work under the direction of world-renowned faculty. You will be encouraged to present original research at conferences nationwide and to develop articles for submission to professional journals.

Sam Houston State University

Since 1879, Sam Houston State University has touched the lives of over 100,000 graduates and helped shape the economic, social and cultural development of the state and nation. Steeped in tradition and Texas hospitality, the university offers the type of educational experience most often found at private institutions. The low student-to-faculty ratio allows for more individual attention, while our beautifully maintained campus and historic architecture provide a serene backdrop to high-tech facilities, equipment and amenities. SHSU’s tuition rates combined with exceptional faculty and academic programs produce one of the best educational values in Texas.

Apply Now

Apply today and discover the benefits of enrolling in one of Sam Houston State University’s Curriculum & Instruction MEd programs. To be considered for admission, applicants must submit:

1. Graduate Admissions Application (available online at ApplyTexas.org)
2. Application fee
3. Official transcript from the baccalaureate degree granting institution
4. Official GRE scores
   - Automatically waived for candidates with a 3.0 undergraduate GPA
   - Candidates who do not meet the 3.0 GPA requirement for the GRE waiver must meet one of the following formulas:
     
     \[(GPA \times 50) + \text{GRE Verbal} + \text{GRE Quantitative} + \text{GRE Written} \geq 435\]

   GRE TAKEN BEFORE AUGUST 2011:
     
     \[(GPA \times 200) + \text{GRE Verbal} + \text{GRE Quantitative} + \text{GRE Written} \geq 1664\]

The MEd in Curriculum and Instruction with Teacher Certification also requires the completion and submission of a Pre-Admission Content Test (PACT). Applications will not be reviewed until a PACT is completed and submitted to SHSU.

Please contact an advisor for admission requirements for the graduate certificate programs.

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