THE HEART OF HOUSTON’S FUTURE

The College of Education at the University of Houston works to change the world one life at a time. Because of its potential to transform lives, education remains a public priority despite the turbulent economic times. As baby boomers reach retirement, the demand for educational professionals escalates. These professionals will enter the most challenging landscape in American history. Classrooms are increasingly diverse and impacted by poverty. Already 1.2 million children are served in the Gulf Coast region alone, and the number is ever-increasing. All of these children need well-qualified teachers, principals, counselors, school psychologists, and health educators. These children will be expected to achieve higher standards to meet the high-tech demands of the future and ensure our homeland security and prosperity.

The high need for teachers in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) is a national emergency. With our programs such as iSMART, STEP and teachHOUSTON, the College of Education addresses the need for more Math and Science teachers from a multitude of perspectives.

“We are building the human element in the world’s energy capital. Education is fuel for Houston and the nation’s economic engine.”

–Robert (Bob) H. McPherson, Dean, College of Education
Elizabeth D. Rockwell Chair
LEADING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM
The College of Education prepares future leaders in teaching, counseling and educational psychology. It is nationally accredited under 21st century standards by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Because our society is rapidly changing, the college ensures its programs are responsive, flexible and innovative. Its curricula, research and outreach programs bring out the best in Houston.

In Spring 2011, the Executive Doctorate in Professional Leadership graduated its first class of 38 of graduates, all professionals in the Houston Area who bring their new expertise back to the community. One of only 25 founding member institutions nationwide involved in the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED), the innovative degree program reimagines how we prepare leaders in education. It weaves the real-life problems of school districts into its curriculum.

The Houston Area Teacher Center (HATC), a consortium of 35 Houston-area school systems including UH and its College of Education, is the oldest and largest teacher center in the nation. Today, this dynamic forum works for solutions to teacher supply and demand, job placement, and protocols for placing student teachers.

Today, more than 2,500 students studying in more than 30 programs are pursuing certifications, bachelor’s degrees, master’s degrees and doctorates in the College of Education.

EXCELLENCE IN PRACTICE
• Vibrant community outreach and research programs in the College have brought health education to the community. In areas such as obesity research and mental health, the College works to assure healthy minds and bodies in minority and at-risk populations.

• Faculty in our School Psychology program are addressing a national bullying epidemic. By researching innovative ways to better understand and prevent bullying in our schools, they and their students work to build schools where all students can learn in safety.

• Alumni have been honored as both National Student Teacher of the Year and Texas Student Teacher of the Year

• QUEST (Quality Urban Education for Students and Teachers) program honored as the Distinguished Program in Teacher Education by the Association of Teacher Educator (ATE)

• The University of Houston has more fellows in the American Educational Research Association than any other university in Texas.

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