

Frequently Asked Questions – Educational Diagnostician Certification program

Will a master's degree in a non-education field be accepted to meet the program requirement?

Yes, the master's degree does not have to be in education, and as long as you are a certified teacher you are eligible for admission.

Is the program online?

No, the program is not online. SPEC 7340 (fall) and SPEC 7392 (spring) are both face-to-face courses. They are offered one evening per week. The day of the week may change from year to year, but most recently those courses are offered on Monday nights.

I worked as a teacher in another country, do I need a teacher certification from the US to be eligible for admission?

Yes, you must have a current, valid teacher certification from the US (Texas preferred).

According to the website, there are 5 required courses, but more courses may be required. *How many courses will I need to take?*

There are **13** courses on the certification plan, **5** of which must be taken in residence at UH. **Eight** of the courses may be waived, depending on whether you have EC-12 Special Education certification and/or credit for an equivalent course during your graduate training.

What courses will I need to take?

At a minimum, you will need to take SPEC 7340, SPEC 7341, SPEC 7392, SPEC 7394, and SPEC 7395. To determine the other courses needed, send a list of your certifications and your graduate transcript to elpsdiag@central.uh.edu to request a **draft certification plan**.

How much does the program cost?

UH has a **tuition calculator** at: <https://www.uh.edu/financial/graduate/tuition-fees/index.php>