

University of Houston's Accelerated Certification Program (ACP) Info Session

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Why teach?



TEACHERS MATTER



QUALITY OF LIFE

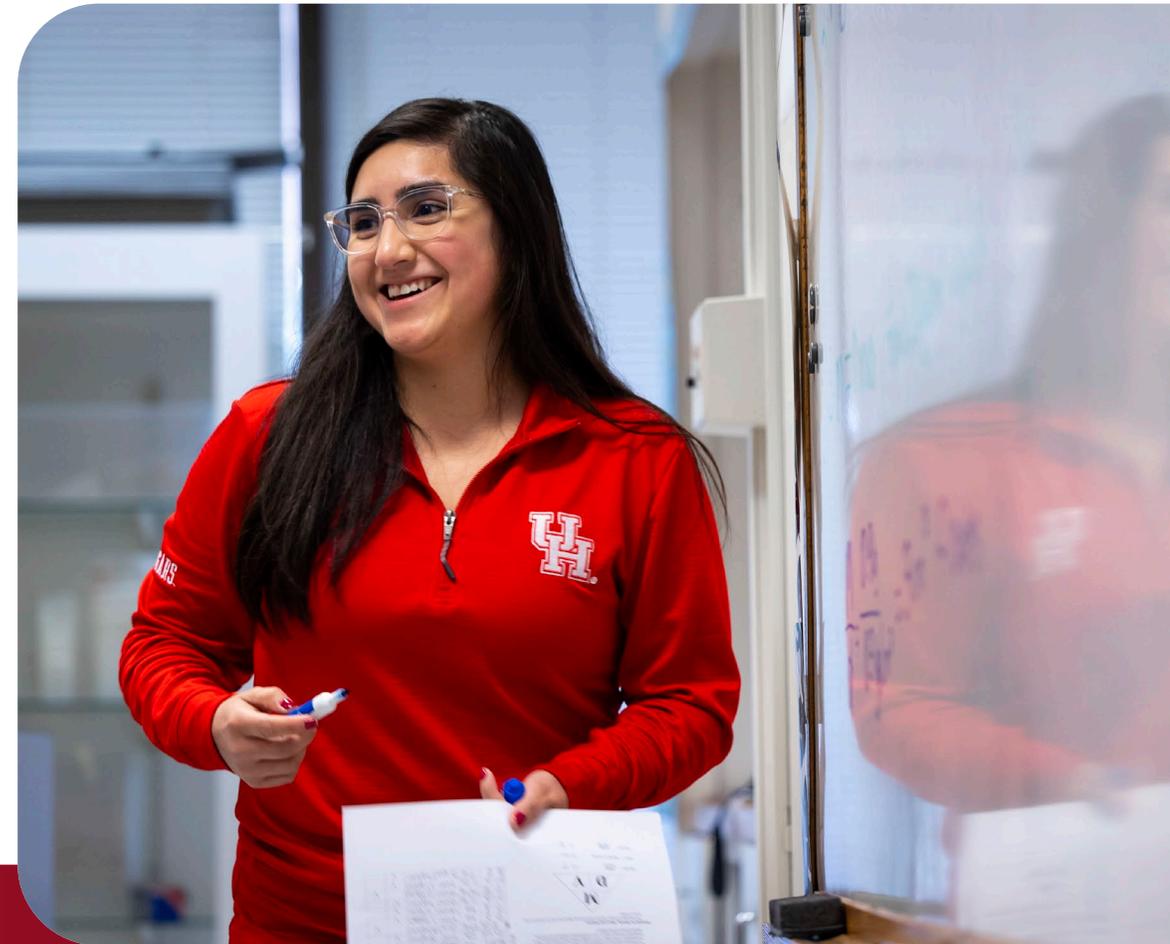


FINANCIAL BENEFITS



What is needed to teach in Texas?

1. A bachelor's degree
2. **Educator prep program**
3. **Complete certification**
4. **Apply to teach**
5. Background check



What does ACP mean?

- **A**ccelerated **C**ertification **P**rogram
- Teach while you work on completing certification
- Start teaching August 2025, complete certification by May 2026



Why does ACP exist?

Teacher shortages

UH ACP addresses teacher shortages in Texas. It also supports the need for specific subjects or areas.

Career change

UH ACP enables people with a bachelor's degree in another field to become teachers. For example, a chemical engineer could become a chemistry teacher, or a lawyer could teach social studies.

Cost and time

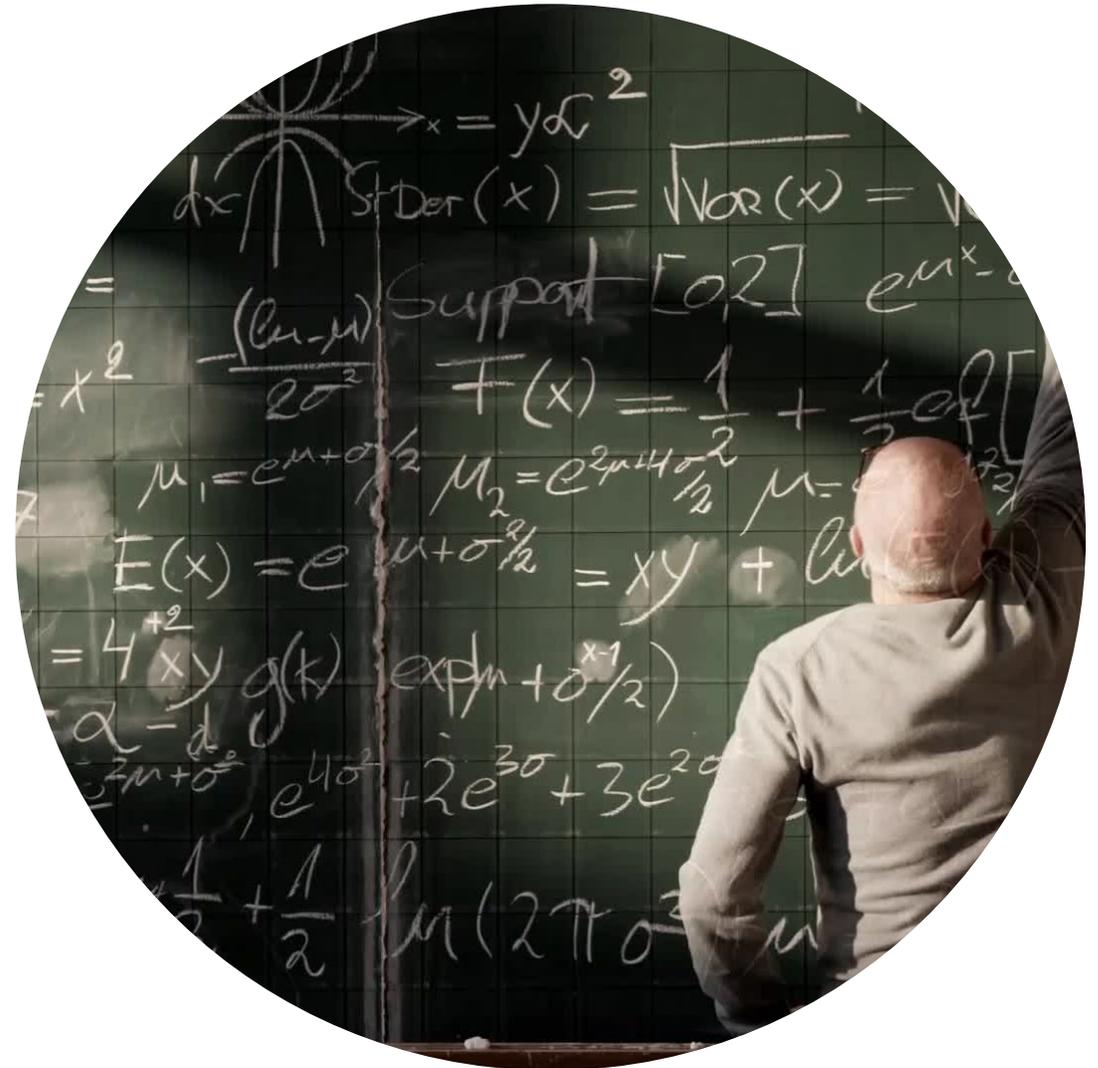
UH ACP is an affordable program that is completed much faster than traditional education programs.

Flexible scheduling

UH ACP offer courses online and on weekends, making them more accessible for working people.

Professional development

UH ACP includes ongoing professional development and support for beginning teachers.



UH ACP Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's degree by June 2025
- ✓ 2.5 GPA
- ✓ All previous official transcripts
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ 12-15 Content Hours
 - EC-6 (elementary): 12 hours total of math, history, and English
 - 4-8, 7-12 English/history: 12 hours
 - 4-8, 7-12 Math/science: 15 hours
 - *You most likely have already completed these hours within your bachelor's degree*



International degree?
Watch this [brief video](#) on how
to apply



81% of UH education certifications are teaching certifications.

At UH, we've certified over 4,500 educators and this cohort will soon add to that number.

Job Placement

- We'll **support** you through the entire process.
- Being flexible with your grade levels and subjects will help you **land a job** faster!
- **Benefit** from our trusted district partnerships.



2024 cohort had 98% job placement

UH competitors and pay-for-play programs

- Ensure **TEA-approved**
- Experience educators
- Prep for certification test



Prepared for Success

“I find it really easy to relate to my students thanks to the preparation I received at the University of Houston.”

-Tiana Banks, FBISD



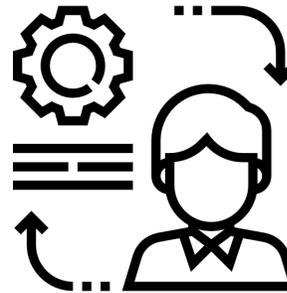


Seven additional partners added for 2025!

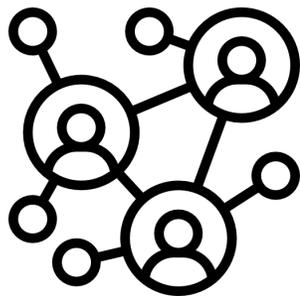
Program Components



UH **faculty member** will **coach** and support you.



Learn and **practice** teaching in a **supportive** and **professional** setting.



Train and teach with a **cohort** of fellow ACP students.



Receive **test prep** and **support** with **certification**.



Timeline

Spring 2025

- ✓ Test prep
- ✓ Field experiences
- ✓ Online coursework

Summer 2025

- ✓ June in-person sessions
- ✓ Intern certification
- ✓ Apply to district

Academic year

(AY) 2025 – 2026

- ✓ You're a teacher! (full-time salary)
- ✓ Saturday sessions
- ✓ Online coursework continued

Summer 2026

- ✓ Gain your certification!



In-Person Workshop Options

	Face-to-Face Workshops 2025	Dates
1	Setting the Stage	Mon., June 9
2	Building Positive Relationships	Wed., June 11
3	Establishing Routines for a Positive Learning Environment	Fri., June 13
4	Assessment	Mon., June 16
5	Planning for Instruction	Wed., June 18
6	Special Education and IEP Process	Fri., June 20 <i>or</i> Mon., June 23
7	Delivering Instruction	Fri., June 20 <i>or</i> Mon., June 23
8	Monitor and Adjust Instruction	Wed., June 25
9	Performance Assessment and Internship Launching	Fri., June 27



Program payment structure

Date	Payment
Application fee	\$0
Enrollment fee (access to Canvas, online coursework, and tutoring)	\$250 (1 payment)
May and June	\$500 (2 payments)
<i>August</i> (<u><i>in 4 months</i></u>)	<i>START TEACHING FULL-TIME</i>
Academic year 2025 - 2026	\$500 (10 payments)
Total cost:	\$6,250



Program cost

Item	Cost
Application fee	\$0
UH ACP Program	\$6,250
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Can be made in payments</i>• <i>No interest</i>• <i>No ongoing fees</i>• <i>Most school districts offer payroll deduction</i>	



Payroll deduction

Does not offer Pay UH directly	Offers payroll deduction	Considering payroll deduction
Humble	Alief	Houston
Pasadena	Fort Bend	Cy-Fair
Pearland	Alvin	
Spring Branch	Aldine	
Lamar CISD	Goose Creek	



Additional costs to consider

Item	Payment
2025 Intern Certificate	\$78
Fingerprinting and background check	\$50.25
TExES Exam(s) (including PPR exam)	\$116
2026 Standard Certificate	\$78



Certification Areas

- EC-6 Core Subjects
- EC-6 Core Subjects + Bilingual Supplemental
- EC-6 Core Subjects + Special Education
- EC-12 Art
- EC-12 Languages Other Than English (LOTE) – Spanish
- EC-12 Special education
- 4-8 English
- 4-8 Mathematics
- 4-8 Science
- 4-8 Social Studies
- 7-12 English
- 7-12 History
- 7-12 Mathematics
- 7-12 Science
- 7-12 Social Studies



STELLAR: Opportunities in math and science

About STELLAR

- Partnership with the ExxonMobil Foundation
- Support Teacher STEM Training (TST)
- Improve the STEM knowledge of math and science teachers, enhance teachers' ability to teach STEM content, and provide teacher STEM training at no cost to teachers
- UH's ACP + science or math = potential funding

Requirements for STELLAR funding

- A bachelor's degree
- 15 credit hours in science or math
- An interest in teaching:
 - Science or math
 - Middle school grade levels
 - E.G.: 4-8 math, 4-8 science, 7-12 math, 7-12 sciences
 - Within the Houston Independent School District



STEM requirements

1. A bachelor's degree
2. 15 credit hours in science **or** math
3. An interest in teaching:
 - Science **or** math
 - Middle school grade level
 - E.G.: 6th, 7th, or 8th grade math or science
 - Within the **Houston ISD**



STEM: When applying

- School district preference:
Houston ISD
- Certification (**one** of the following):
 - **4-8 Mathematics**
 - **4-8 Science**
 - **7-12 Mathematics**
 - **7-12 Science**

University of Houston ACP Application

UHACP ExxonMobil Foundation Scholarship

The University of Houston has partnered with the ExxonMobil Foundation to offer ACP scholarships to those who qualify. UHACP formally admitted candidates must meet the following requirements to be eligible:

- 15 credit hours in science *or* math
- An interest in teaching within the Houston Independent School District
- An interest in teaching 4-8 math, 4-8 science, 7-12 math, or 7-12 sciences

If you meet these requirements, we will reach out with next steps in May.

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University of Houston ACP Application

* Required

School Districts

UH ACP is partnering with the following school districts for the upcoming 2025-2026 academic year. Please make your selections below.

10. First Preference - Which school district are you seeking employment? Please select your 1st choice. *

- Aldine ISD
- Alief ISD
- Alvin ISD
- Cypress Fairbanks ISD
- Fort Bend ISD
- Goose Creek CISD
- Houston ISD

15. Desired Certification Area *

- EC-6 Core Subjects
- EC-6 Core Subjects + Bilingual Supplemental
- EC-6 Core Subjects + Special Education
- 4-8 Mathematics
- 4-8 Science
- 4-8 English Language Arts & Reading
- 4-8 Social Studies
- 7-12 Mathematics
- 7-12 Science
- 7-12 English
- 7-12 Social Studies
- Art EC-12
- Music EC-12



Next steps – APPLY!

Application fee: \$0

Apply today
Space is limited!



Application Prep

- Review the [Texas Administrative Code of Ethics](#) (sections 247.1 and 247.2)
 - *Estimated time: 15 minutes*
- Watch the [TEA Teacher Ethics Training Series](#) (10 short videos)
 - *Estimated time: 1 hour*
- Prepare and record your admission video. [Learn what is needed here.](#)
 - *Estimated time: 20 minutes*



Reminder: Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's degree by June 2025
- ✓ 2.5 GPA
- ✓ All previous official transcripts
 - **UHACP@central.uh.edu**
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ 12-15 Content Hours





Questions?

Congratulations!

- You've taken the first step towards a rewarding career in education!
- Don't forget — **we're here for you!**
- Email us anytime at: **uhacp@central.uh.edu**

