

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

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Texas Certification Requirements

1. **Bachelors Degree**—2.5 overall GPA and required content hours
2. Earned **passing scores** on state certification exams
3. **300** (minimum) hours coursework (150 prior to intern year)
4. **50 hours field experiences** (prior to intern year)
5. Supervised internship for 1 year in **matching certification area**



What is STELLAR?

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

**STELLAR = STEM Teacher
Training: Enhancing Learning,
Leadership, and Academic Rigor**



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



Program cost

Application fee	\$0
UH ACP Program	\$6,250



Program cost covered by
ExxonMobil
*if program is successfully
completed*



Additional costs to consider

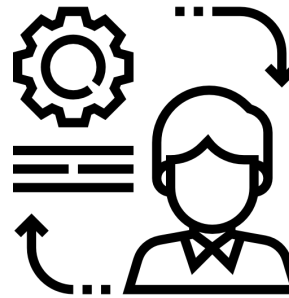
Item	Payment
2025 Intern Certificate	\$78
Fingerprinting and background check	\$50.25
TExES Exam(s) (including PPR exam)	\$116
2026 Standard Certificate	\$78



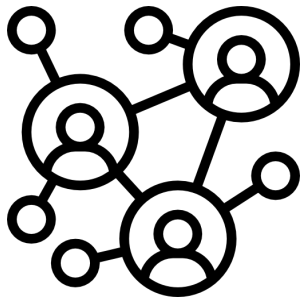
Program components



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**.



General Timeline

Summer/Fall 2025

- ✓ Admission to Program
- ✓ Test Prep/Content Exam Passed
- ✓ Saturday sessions (1x month)
- ✓ Online Modules
- ✓ Field Experience Hours

Spring 2026

- ✓ Intern Certificate -Semester 1
- ✓ Face to Face Saturday sessions (1xmonth)
- ✓ Synchronous online sessions (1xmonth, evening)
- ✓ Asynchronous Modules
- ✓ Site Coordinator Support



General Timeline Continued

Fall 2026

- ✓ Intern Certificate – Semester 2
- ✓ PPR Exam
- ✓ Face to Face Saturday sessions (1xmonth)
- ✓ Synchronous online sessions (1xmonth, evening)
- ✓ Asynchronous Modules
- ✓ Site Coordinator Support

Fall 2026

- ✓ **Gain your standard certification!**



Important Dates

	Event	Date	Time
1	June Professional Development	Monday, June 16 – Friday, June 20	9:00am – 4:00pm
2	ACP Virtual Intro Session	Saturday, August 2	9:00am – 12:00pm
3	Virtual monthly evening synchronous sessions	TBD	TBD



In-person workshops

2025 Dates

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| 1 | August 16 |
| 2 | September 6 |
| 3 | October 4 |
| 4 | November 8 |
| 5 | December 13 |

All sessions on Saturday
9:00am – 4:00pm

2026 Dates

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| 6 | January 17 |
| 7 | February 7 |
| 8 | February 21 |
| 9 | March 28 |
| 10 | April 18 |
| 11 | May 16 |
| 12 | May 30 |



Next steps – APPLY!

Application fee: \$0

Deadline: Monday, July 7



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*





Questions?



Congratulations!

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



THANK YOU!

