

University of Houston's M.Ed. In Special Populations

Information Session 2025



Today's speaker



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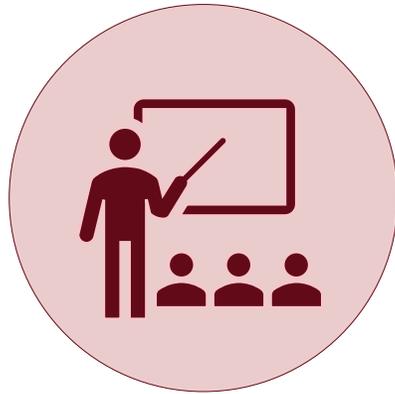
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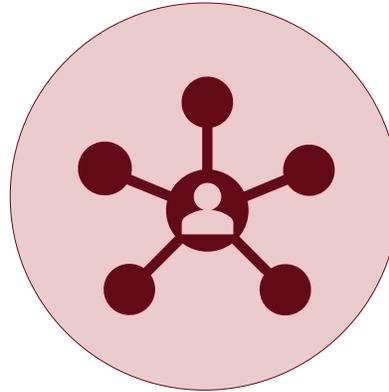
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Agenda



OVERVIEW



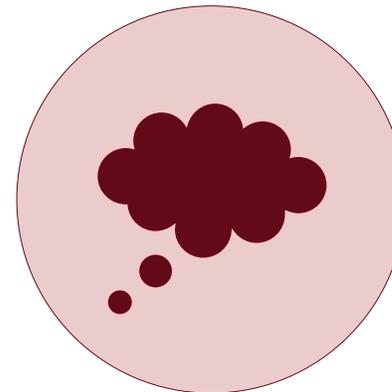
SPECIALIZATIONS



APPLICATION



FUNDING



QUESTIONS



Our mission

To lead and **inspire generative transformations** of learning, health, **leadership** and well-being by developing new knowledge for an increasingly **diverse world**.



Why Special Populations?

- Behavioral, social, and academic interventions
- Support individuals with exceptionalities across the lifespan
- Multiple specialization areas related to a variety of career goals
- #20 Best Online Programs by **US News & World Report for 2025**
- #10 Best Online Master's in Special Education Degree Programs for 2024 by **Value Colleges**
- Texas had the largest number of initial SPED evaluations during the 2019-2020 school year (104,803)!



What Can I Do With My Degree?

Title

- Educational diagnosticians
- EC-12 team leaders
- EC-12 department chairs
- EC-12 special education coordinators/administrators*
- Behavior Analyst
- BCBA
- Clinic owner & operator
- Community college instructors

Organization

- Public and private schools
- Educational and social agencies
- Foundations
- Public and private research organizations
- Residential facilities
- Charter schools (KIPP)
- Texas Education Agency (TEA)
- US Department of Education



**May need principal certification*

M.Ed. Special Populations Specializations (non-cert)



Special Education

- 100% online, primarily asynchronous
- Builds capacity for working with individuals with disabilities



Special Education Leadership

- Mix of online (special education) and face-to-face (leadership) classes
- Develops special educators for leadership roles in educational settings



ABA Specialization

- Two choices – fully online or hybrid at the Katy campus (three online and seven in-person)
- Builds capacity for implementing behavioral interventions as a board-certified behavior analyst (BCBA)



M.Ed. Special Populations Specializations (with certifications)



Special Education Certification

- Content coursework online (30 hours)
- Certification coursework/activities in-person (12 hours)
- Preparation for EC-12 Special Education certification



Educational Diagnostician Certification

- Content coursework online (30 hours)
- Certification coursework/activities in-person (12 hours)
- Prepares current educators for Educational Diagnostician certification and practice



Educational Diagnostician ACP (Alternative Certification Program)

- Hybrid, self-paced modules
 - 5 classes total
- Enhanced flexibility and efficiency
- Prepares current educators for Educational Diagnostician certification and practice

Certification only



Learning Options at UH Main and Katy Campuses



- We offer both in-person and online classes, catering to different preferences and needs.
- In-person classes provide a traditional, structured environment. Taking classes at our Katy campus can be ideal for those who prefer face-to-face communication, immediate feedback, and a more immersive, focused experience.
- Online classes offer flexibility, allowing learners to access materials, lectures, and assignments from anywhere at their own pace. This convenience makes online learning an attractive option for individuals with busy schedules, or those seeking a more self-directed approach.



Program Steps



APPLICATION/ADMISSIONS



COURSEWORK



COMPREHENSIVE EXAM*



**No exam needed for Educational Diagnostician ACP*

Application/Admissions Details

- Requirements

- Bachelor's degree earned from an accredited institution of higher education
- GPA: preferred minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in upper division undergraduate coursework.
 - *TEA requires a minimum GPA of 2.5 for certification programs.*
- GRE (requirement waived for 3.0 undergraduate GPA or master's degree)
- Official transcripts sent to UH (see Step 3 [here](#))
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of intent (see specific directions [here](#))
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
 - *Diagnostician program also requires current, valid teaching certificate and evidence of creditable teaching service*

- Deadlines

- April 1, 2025 for international applicants
- May 1, 2025 for domestic applicants
- If applying for a certification specialization, you will need to apply for both UH's M.Ed. program and the certification program

- Apply here



**Special Education Certification, Educational Diagnostician certification only, and Educational Diagnostician ACP*

Coursework Overview

- Master's Coursework (30 hours, 10 classes)
 - *Education Core Courses (9 hours, 3 classes)*
 - *Specialization Coursework (21 hours, 7 classes)*
 - *Varies by specialization area*
 - *Complete in approximately 4 – 5 semester*
- Certification Coursework (12 hours, 4 classes)
 - *Special Education Certification*
 - *Educational Diagnostician Certification*
 - *Complete in approximately 6 semesters*



Comprehensive Exam



Written exam for *non-certification* specialization areas



TExES exam for *certification* specialization areas



Typically taken in final semester, but must have completed at least 18 hours



Costs

[Tuition
Calculator](#)

Estimated Costs Per Semester

Tuition and Consolidated Fees	\$3474.00 - \$4283.28
Mandatory Fee - Student Service Fee	\$260.00
Mandatory Fee - University Center Fee	\$135.00
Mandatory Fee - Recreation and Wellness Center	\$109.00
TOTAL:	\$3978.00 - \$4787.28



**Estimated per semester based on 9 hours*

Funding Graduate School

- Apply for FAFSA
- Graduate School Fund
- COE Scholarships (for continuing students)



Helpful Links

[Application Requirements](#)

[Application Deadlines](#)

[Tuition Calculator](#)

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