Department Mission

Since its foundation as a Normal School in 1899, the Department of Curriculum and Instruction has been an integral part of Texas State University, serving the state’s need for trained public school teachers. Over the years, the programs have prepared knowledgeable and effective teachers who are responsive to the varying needs of society. The department has forged strong working partnerships with many Central Texas school districts, providing a diverse landscape for fieldwork and potential employment opportunities. Between strenuous curriculum and invaluable field experience, the department has grown to become one of the largest nationwide, offering a variety of comprehensive programs.

Getting into the classroom immediately with TRP’s field-based course work helped shape my educational focus and ensured that the practices we learned were put to immediate use. The skills and knowledge I gained were invaluable in helping me secure my dream job in a local school.

– Dani Pedroza, AP Statistics and Pre-calculus Teacher at Manor New Technology High School

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Why choose Texas State?
Texas State University’s specialized concentration, referred to as the Teacher Recruitment Program (TRP), began in 2001 as an ideal entry for second-career considerations. Students on this path may receive their certification after two semesters of field-based and academic course work and complete their master’s degree while earning a teacher’s salary.

Faculty
Faculty have primarily focused their research on teacher preparation and development, teacher induction and mentoring, and learning in field-based settings. They have made national and international presentations on these topics at the Association of Teacher Educators and the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education conferences. Their work has been published in journals such as the Journal of Teacher Education, Action in Teacher Education and Ed Leadership.

Course Work
TRP is a full-certification program including 18 hours of graduate-level initial teacher certification course work, completed in two semesters of full-time attendance. The first semester classes are delivered at a Round Rock ISD high school, where students experience theory applied directly in classrooms. The second semester involves 14 weeks of student teaching in a public school. Due to the accelerated nature of TRP, a substantial portion of the program requires a daytime commitment. Following completion of the initial 18-hour teacher certification, students are eligible to apply for state teacher certification. Once certified, they are eligible to work as teachers while they complete their degrees in the evenings, online, or summers at either campus.

Career Options
The majority of the students remain in the Central Texas area, teaching in public and private schools. Graduates are also qualified to become instructional coaches, education consultants, curriculum coordinators, grade level or content team leaders, directors of a department, mentor teachers or writers of textbooks. Students are also prepared for doctoral study at Texas State or another qualified university.

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Admissions
Fall: March 1
Spring: September 1
Summer: No admission

Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships
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