Texas State University offers innovative master’s programs in talent development for Pre-K–12 teachers who want to support talent development for all children and adults. We embrace difference and multiplicity, and we work toward equity in education. Our programs prepare graduate students to nurture talent development across the life span and to think critically about teaching and about pressing issues of the 21st century.

Talent development program faculty are passionate about both their teaching and research. Our master’s degree programs in secondary education–talent development and elementary education–talent development are located in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, which is committed to social justice.

How people think about talent, development, and teaching matters; it can have real effects. In a master’s program in talent development, you will be supported in thinking critically and imaginatively about educational practices, contexts, policies, and trends. You will learn ways to support Pre-K–20 talent development beyond dominant perspectives and traditional categories, populations, and locations. You will develop advanced-level knowledge and skills for enhancing your teaching virtuosity, for supporting talent development in schools and communities, for increasing equity in education, for nurturing creative thinking, for supporting divergent pathways of well-being, and for “flow” and “going against the flow” as the situation demands.

In the talent development program, you will learn with and from other teachers, university faculty and community members. Although the program is cross-disciplinary, contexts and particulars are valued. Course assignments encourage students to apply skills and generate ideas in relation to their own teaching fields, cultural contexts, and particular life situations.

Our program graduates include classroom teachers, district curriculum specialists, campus instructional coaches, gifted education teachers, athletic coaches, web designers, and part-time university instructors. Talent development graduate students develop both practical skills and conceptual understandings that can be applied in their professional careers and throughout their lives.
Course Work
Texas State offers a master of education (M.Ed.) degree and a master of arts (M.A.) degree in elementary education—talent development and in secondary education—talent development.

M.Ed. in Elementary or Secondary Education with a Concentration in Talent Development
This 36-semester-hour program includes a minor of nine or more hours. It is a non-thesis program.

M.A. in Elementary or Secondary Education with a Concentration in Talent Development
This 30-semester-hour program, which includes a written thesis, has been designed for experienced teachers who want to engage in research related to talent development.

Required Courses
• Talent Development
• Creativity: Research, Theory, and Applications
• Mentoring Across the Life Span
• Multicultural Education
Visit www.education.txstate.edu/ci/talent for additional details.

Admission Policy
Applicants must meet the Texas State Graduate College's minimum GPA requirement of 2.75 for the last 60 hours of course work leading to the bachelor's degree. No GRE score is required. Transcripts should show evidence of a background in teacher education. Prospective students who are experienced Pre-K–20 teachers but who lack university course work in teacher education (e.g., private school teachers without a teaching certificate) are encouraged to contact the program advisor, Dr. Susan Field Waite (sw22@txstate.edu), before applying for information on documenting their years of teaching experience.

Each applicant must submit the following to The Graduate College:
• the online Graduate College application through ApplyTexas
• application fee
• one official transcript from each college or university from which credit was received

Visit www.gradcollege.txstate.edu for access to an online application and additional details. Applications are due June 15 for the fall semester, October 15 for the spring semester, April 15 for summer I and June 1 for summer II. The Graduate College will continue to process applications received after these deadlines; however, those applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, with no guarantee of admission.

Financial Assistance
The Department of Curriculum and Instruction offers a variety of scholarships made available by generous donors. Visit the department website at www.education.txstate.edu/ci and the program website at www.education.txstate.edu/ci/talent for application details.

For more information about scholarships, financial aid and application deadlines, visit The Graduate College website at www.gradcollege.txstate.edu and click on Financing Your Graduate Education. Please note that program admission priority deadlines must be met in order to be considered for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships.

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"The course work in the talent development program at Texas State allowed me to explore the realm of subjects related to talent development in education, including instruction, assessment and understanding social, emotional and cultural issues. The practicum provided me the opportunity to practice and hone skills introduced to me in my graduate studies. After completing the program, I was truly prepared to effectively facilitate talent development in all students."

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