

Track Your Progress Toward Certification!

Here are **FOUR** critical steps for you to keep in mind as you progress through the Educator Preparation Program (EPP) at UMHB.

(1) Pre-EDUC 3315

At this point, you aren't ready to enter the "Gateways" on the Teacher Certification link of myCampus, but you should get your Academic Proficiency documentation ready and work toward a 2.75 overall GPA.

LOOK at your SAT and/or ACT scores. If they meet the requirements, that's all you need. Provide your score report to the certification coordinator.

If your scores do NOT meet the requirements in one or more areas, you have other options: Accuplacer testing in the COE Office or THEA Exam administered by local entities. Contact Ms. Newton-Hunter at 254.295.4866 or email knewtonhunter@umhb.edu for information concerning testing options.

TEST	Reading	Math	Writing
SAT	500	500	450
SAT Redesigned	27	530	26
ACT	18	20	19 on Writing or English
Accuplacer	78	80	80/6
Accuplacer Next Generation	252	256	258/6
THEA	250	230	240

(2) During EDUC 3315

This course is typically taken during your first or second semester as a sophomore. During this course, you will apply to the UMHB Educator Preparation Program for admission as required by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). **Gateway 1:** You will complete the College of Education interview, sign state and program documents, and complete admission requirements (including testing and GPA).

Admission requirements must be met in full to continue enrollment in education coursework. You will be unable to take EDUC/READ/EDSP/EDSL courses until you have been formally admitted into UMHB's Educator Preparation Program. If you have to take additional coursework to maintain full-time status, financial aid may not cover it.

(3) Pre-Student Teaching

At this time, follow the **FOUR YEAR PLAN!** Between EPP Admission (during 3315) and student teaching, you must have at least 18 hours of course credit. You need to be sure you have a 3.0 in the Professional and Pedagogy blocks and that your 2.75 overall is maintained. You'll need to acquire all of your "field" hours. (Check with your advisor to be sure you have these.) EC-6 and 4-8 folks get field hours in four literacy courses. EC-12 and secondary folks get hours in EDUC 4385. If you do NOT have either of these, you need to work with your Advisor in acquiring these hours. This includes Master's students, art majors, and students on older degree plans. In the last semester before you student teach, you will apply for student teaching – **Gateway 2.**

(4) Student Teaching

Prior to student teaching, you will be expected to attempt your state content exam(s) (\$118 average cost per exam). As you approach the end of your student teaching semester, you will apply for certification with UMHB and TEA—**Gateway 3**