

## 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 in your "myCampus" account, 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 office.

If your scores do NOT meet the requirements in one or more areas, you have another option of taking the Accuplacer test which is offered free of charge to current students. You have five attempts to take each Accuplacer Subject Exam. Contact Ms. Newton-Hunter at 254.295.4866 or email [knewtonhunter@umhb.edu](mailto:knewtonhunter@umhb.edu) for information concerning testing.

Test	Reading	Writing	Math
SAT 2024	Reading/Writing Combined 525		525
SAT 2016	27	26	530
SAT prior to 2016	500	450	500
Accuplacer (Next Generation)	252	258/6	256
THEA (discontinued March 1, 2025)	250	240	230

### (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 must 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 field hours as required by the state. (Check with your advisor to be sure you have these.) EC-6 and 4-8 students acquire field hours in four literacy courses. EC-12 and secondary students attain hours in EDUC 4385. Music and Art students may acquire field hours in other courses (please see your advisor for details). Master's students please see your program director for details.).

### (4) Student Teaching

In the last semester before you student teach, you will apply to do so via (**Gateway 2**). You will be expected to attempt your state content exam(s) (\$116 average cost per exam) before the first day of your student teaching placement. As you approach the end of your student teaching semester, you will apply for your teacher certificate with UMHB and TEA (**Gateway 3**).