

# DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING, LEARNING AND CULTURE

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The Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture offers three degrees at the master's level: the Master of Science (MS) in Curriculum and Instruction, the Master of Education (MEd) in Curriculum and Instruction, and the Master of Education (MEd) in Learning Design and Technology.

## Master of Education (MEd) in Curriculum and Instruction

The Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture offers the Master of Education (MEd) in Curriculum and Instruction (non-thesis) with 36 semester credit hours. There are two delivery options for students seeking the MEd degree: on-campus or online.

The *online* MEd offers areas of emphasis in: (a) Generalist, (b) Literacy and Reading (with optional Reading Specialist certification), (c) STEM (with STEM Certificate), (d) Learning Design and Technology, (e) Urban Education, and (f) MEd with Teacher Certification (The Graduate Certification Program).

The *on-campus* MEd offers areas of emphasis in: (a) Literacy and Reading, and (b) STEM (Mathematics Education and Science Education).

## Master of Education (MEd) with Teacher Certification

This program is designed for individuals who are in their final year of undergraduate coursework or have completed the baccalaureate degree and desire Texas teaching certification. Candidates apply for the Master's of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction and are admitted upon faculty committee review. Twenty-seven credit hours, an academic year of a teaching experience, and the successful completion of appropriate state examinations are required to qualify for certification. Coursework to meet state requirements for teaching certification may be applied toward the 36-hour M.Ed. degree. Certification is acquired through one of two pathways: (a) serve as a teacher of record (internship) at full district salary, or (b) serve as a substitute and clinical teacher.

## Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Curriculum and Instruction

The Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture offers the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Curriculum and Instruction in an on-campus delivery format. The program requires a minimum of 64 semester credit hours beyond the master's degree. This program is offered to those with an interest in a career in research and/or academia. Those interested in the philosophical, theoretical and methodological constructs of both applied and basic quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research. Specializations within this research-based curriculum are designed to encompass the original independent research interests of the individual. Areas of emphasis include: (a) Early Childhood Education, (b) Literacy

and Reading Education, (c) STEM (Science Education; Learning Design, and Technology; Mathematics Education), (d) Teacher Education, and (e) Urban Education.

## Doctor of Education (EdD) in Curriculum and Instruction

The Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture also offers an *online* Doctor of Education (EdD) in Curriculum and Instruction. This program is offered to those with an interest in advancing knowledge and skills for professional and leadership roles in education settings. The program requires a minimum of 64 semester credit hours beyond the master's degree, all of which are presented through distance education technology. Students admitted to this program progress only as members of a cohort. Applicants to this program must have completed a master's degree and must have five years of classroom teaching experience.

The admission deadlines for the Master of Science (MS) and Master of Education (MEd) in Curriculum and Instruction are listed below.

Summer Admission	March 22
Fall Admission	March 22
Spring Admission	October 15

Admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree program is once a year and may require an interview.

Fall Admission	December 1
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Admission to the Online Doctor of Education (EdD) degree program is once a year and requires a valid GRE score and an interview.

Spring Cohort Admission	August 1
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For additional information on the programs offered by the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture, or for more information on the application process and admission deadlines, contact the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture by telephone at (979) 862-8032, or visit the department on the website at <http://tlac.tamu.edu>.

## Faculty

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Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, Pennsylvania State University, 2021

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Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, University of Pittsburgh, 2018

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PHD, Capella University, 2014

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EDD, Sam Houston State University, 2013

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PHD, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, 2020

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PHD, University of Texas at Austin, 2017

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PHD, University of South Carolina, 1976

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PHD, Purdue University, 2015

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PHD, University of Memphis, 1999

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PHD, University of South Florida, 2020

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EDD, Kansas State University, 2022

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Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2021

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Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2006

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Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, University of Michigan, 2016

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PHD, University of Michigan, 2016

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PHD, New Mexico State University, 2007

McKeown, Debra, Professor  
Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, Vanderbilt University, 2012

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Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2012

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Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, University of Minnesota, 2021

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Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, Michigan State University, 2022

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Teaching, Learning & Culture  
MED, University of Texas Pan American, 2010

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PHD, Michigan State University, 2023

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PHD, Texas A&M University, 2007

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PHD, Georgia State University, 2017

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Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2004

Rambo-Hernandez, Karen, Professor  
Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, University of Connecticut, 2011

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Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1975

Sansom, Rebecca, Assistant Professor  
Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, Brigham Young University, 2019

Singer, Shaunta L, Lecturer  
Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, University of Virginia, 2008

Singleton, Julie A, Clinical Associate Professor  
Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2011

Slattery, George P, Professor  
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PHD, Louisiana State University, 1989

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PHD, Florida Atlantic University, 2022

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PHD, Texas A&M University, 2022

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Teaching, Learning & Culture  
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PHD, Texas A&M University, 1998

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Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, The Pennsylvania State University, 2000

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PHD, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2019

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Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2011

Young, Jemimah, Professor  
Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2013

Zhuang, Yuling, Assistant Professor  
Teaching, Learning & Culture  
PHD, University of Georgia, 2020

## Masters

- Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/curriculum-instruction-med/>)
- Master of Education in Learning Design and Technology (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/learning-design-and-technology-med/>)
- Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/curriculum-instruction-ms/>)

## Doctoral

- Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/curriculum-instruction-edd/>)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/curriculum-instruction-phd/>)

## Certificates

- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education Certificate (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/education-human-development/teaching-learning-culture/science-technology-engineering-mathematics-education-certificate/>)