



# MASTER OF EDUCATION (MEd) EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSTICIAN W/CERTIFICATE

## OFFERS CERTIFICATE | HYBRID OR ONLINE | 2 YEARS | 30 CREDIT HOURS

### WHAT YOU LEARN

The graduate program leading to the professional Educational Diagnostician certificate is designed to produce a skilled specialist in the administration and application of diagnostic techniques with demonstrated competency in the planning and implementation of instructional programs for exceptional children.

### HOW YOU LEARN

**Face-to-Face:** Face-to-Face: This is a cohort program. Students will take one course at a time, attending class one night a week from 5:00 to 8:00, with three (3) hours of additional work online every week. Every semester, students will complete two seven week courses.

**Online:** This is a hybrid/online cohort program. Students will check in online to complete assignments and participate in online discussions and group activities. While there are eight of the required twelve offered in an online format, there are four of the twelve courses that are only taught in a face-to-face modality. Both assessment courses and the practicum experience are taught face-to-face in a compressed-track format (7 weeks) on campus at UST. All online courses are taught in the traditional 15 weeks semester. The Program Director from UST will assist in the coordination of when and where this coursework will be completed.

**Practicum Courses:** Students will also take the two capstone practicum courses (EDUC 5343 Practicum in Psychoeducational Diagnosis and EDUC 5344 Practicum in Psychoeducational Remediation) during the last summer of the program. Under the guidance of a campus mentor and university supervisor, students will complete a minimum of 160 practicum hours including at least two full and individual evaluations. Additional possible practicum activities/requirements include test interpretation, report writing, parent interviews, facilitating ARD meetings, completing a daily log listing all practicum activities and their relationship to the TExES Educational Diagnostician Standards as well as other duties deemed appropriate by the campus mentor. Please note that students will need to rent the test kits from the UST Bookstore for the two testing courses. During Summer Session, students will attend two different night classes. Summer Session begins the last week in May and continues until the first week in July. Summer Session hours run from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

### CAREER OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the program, students will earn a Master of Education degree in Educational Diagnostics and be eligible for Educational Diagnostician certification in the State of Texas.

### DEGREE PLAN

EDUC 5320	Exceptionality in Today's Schools	3
EDUC 5322	Evidence Based Practices for Students with Emotional Disorders	3
EDUC 6326	Educational Research and Scholarly Writing	3
EDUC 5345	Evidence Based Practices for Students with Mild Disabilities	3
EDUC 5325	Diagnosis & Remediation of Reading Difficulties	3
EDUC 6327	Educational Research Design and Data Analysis	3
EDUC 5342	Psychoeducational Diagnostic Procedures: Cognitive	3
EDUC 5341	Psychoeducational Diagnostic Procedures: Achievement	3
EDUC 5343	Practicum in Psychoeducational Diagnosis	3
EDUC 6307	Ethical & Legal Foundations in Special Education	3
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>30</b>

### REQUIREMENTS

Students working towards an Educational Diagnostician Professional Certification must have three years of creditable teaching experience as a classroom teacher in a TEA approved public/private school which is documented by a copy of a valid service record. In addition, one year of creditable teaching on record with the TEA, prior to entrance to the program. Additionally, a valid Texas Teaching Certificate is required for the Educational Diagnostician certificate. Generally creditable teaching experience requires both a Content Exam and A PPR Exam. The following types of experience are identified as not creditable for the purpose of Professional Certification: Librarian, Speech Therapist, ROTC Instructors, Teachers Aid, Substitute Teaching or Associate Teacher. For certification, candidates must achieve a satisfactory level of performance on the Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExES) in the area of Educational Diagnostician.