

DEPARTMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION

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Graduate Degrees Offered

- M.Ed. in Educational Leadership (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/teacher-education/educational-leadership-med/>)
- M.Ed. in Special Education (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/teacher-education/special-education-med/>)
- M.Ed. in Special Education (Diagnostician) (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/teacher-education/special-education-diagnostician-med/>)
- M.Ed. in Teaching, Leadership, & Collaboration (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/teacher-education/teaching-leadership-collaboration-med/>)
- Ph.D. in Education, Leadership, & Organization (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/teacher-education/education-leadership-organization-phd/>)
- Ph.D. in Special Education (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/teacher-education/special-education-phd/>)
- P.B. Initial Teacher Certification (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/teacher-education/post-baccalaureate-initial-teacher-certification/>)
- P.M. Certificate of Advanced Study - Educational Diagnostician (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/teacher-education/post-masters-certificate-advanced-study-educational-diagnostician/>)
- P.M. Certificate of Advanced Study - Principal as Instructional Leader (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/teacher-education/post-masters-certificate-advanced-study-principal/>)
- P.M. Certificate of Advanced Study - Superintendent (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/teacher-education/post-masters-certificate-advanced-study-superintendent/>)

The Department of Teacher Education is comprised of four program areas, described below.

Curriculum and Instruction

The Curriculum and Instruction Program offers a master's degree in Teaching, Leadership, and Collaboration (TLC). The M.Ed. in TLC is designed for practicing teachers or individuals seeking to improve their knowledge and application of evidence-based practices for careers in professional development or training. Classes include a variety of delivery options including fully online, blended, and face-to-face. The M.Ed. in TLC degree does not lead to initial teacher certification. Individuals who have a bachelor's degree interested in seeking initial Texas teacher certification, please refer to the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree. (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/mat-graduate-interdisciplinary-degree/>)

Educational Leadership

The Educational Leadership Program prepares public school administrators, higher education administrators, and community leaders to lead in a diverse, fast-paced, and information-rich society. Through its M.Ed. in Educational Leadership and the principal certification program (which can be completed concurrently with the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership), students may prepare to become school and district administrators within a school district. Through the Ph.D. in Education, Leadership, and Organization, students will be able to choose from three Tracks to pursue leadership in their desired field: Track 1: Superintendency; Track 2: Higher Education; Track 3: Interdisciplinary Nonprofit. Through Track 1: Superintendency, students may pursue the Texas superintendent certification. Graduates of the TWU Educational Leadership Program demonstrate the requisite skills, knowledge, and dispositions necessary for effective leadership; alumni hold leadership positions throughout the DFW metroplex and the state of Texas. For all degree programs, classes are delivered fully online with optional face-to-face TTESS, AEL, and TPESS Trainings for both the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership and Track 1: Superintendency.

Special Education

The Special Education Program offers degrees (i.e., an M.Ed. and Ph.D. in Special Education) that allow individuals to enhance their knowledge of research in special education, acquire knowledge and expertise in working with individuals with disabilities, and become master teachers. The Special Education Program also offers coursework leading to certification as an Educational Diagnostician (which can be completed concurrently with the M.Ed. in Special Education or as a standalone certification program). Classes include a variety of delivery options including fully online, blended, and face-to-face.

Bilingual and English as a Second Language (ESL) Education

Graduate students in degree programs offered through the TWU Department of Teacher Education may take courses in the Bilingual/ESL Program. These graduate courses are designed to enhance educators' and administrators' practice and application of evidence-based strategies when working with students who are bilingual and students whose first language is not English. Classes include a variety of delivery options including fully online, blended, and face-to-face.

Certificates

Post-baccalaureate and post-master's certification programs are possible through application to the Graduate School for certification only or non-degree status. Certifications are awarded by the State Board for Educator Certification. Contact the Department for information about current certifications. Requirements for certification programs may change based upon changes in requirements, policies, or procedures of the State Board for Educator Certification (<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3461>). Further information may be found on the Department of Teacher Education (<https://twu.edu/teacher-education/>) and Office of Educator Preparation Services (<http://www.twu.edu/teacher-certification/>) websites. For all certificates listed above, except initial teacher certification, completion of certification coursework also leads to awarding of post-master's certificates of advanced study by the Graduate School.