Purpose of Program

The MA-BITE-C program is designed for national and international degreed individuals, who hold a minimum of a bachelor’s degree or equivalent, demonstrate bilingual proficiency in Spanish and English, and are seeking bilingual education certification at the graduate level. The course work will prepare students in the field of bilingual education, teaching methods and research; students will also have opportunity to engage in field work and a supervised teaching experience. Program of study, modules, and professional development experiences will be provided to prepare students for teacher certification exams. The MA-BITE-C 36 hour program and experiences are designed to meet the state teacher certification requirements for EC-6 Bilingual Generalist.

Program Options

MA-BITE-C requires admission to the graduate program and to the teacher certification program. Students must complete a supervised teaching experience and a graduate project. Students who are offered a teaching position may elect to complete a year-long paid internship year in lieu of the semester-long clinical teaching experience. To obtain Texas Teacher Certification, applicant must meet all educator certification requirements.

Career Opportunities

Throughout the state and across the country, there is a demand for well-prepared, certified bilingual education teachers. Our bilingual teacher education program has a long history of excellence in preparing teachers, and program graduates are highly competitive in the job market. Graduates may be recommended for teacher certification as EC-6 Bilingual Generalists. As certified bilingual teachers, graduates will have an opportunity to teach in any public or private EC-6th grade bilingual setting in Texas. Other opportunities include teaching out-of-state or out-of-country, as well as working in other educational settings.

In today’s globalized world it is imperative that we speak more than one language and to take advantage of the differences and talents of all. This program gives us the opportunity to get a certification and a master’s at the same time, allowing us to become citizens not of a country but of the world.

—Lisset Canedo, M.A. BBL Bilingual Teacher Education
Admission Requirements

- Hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 in the last 60 hours of coursework
- International students must have a minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 550 (paper) or 79 (Internet)
- Proficiency or experience learning, using, studying or speaking a language other than English
- Documented completion of 30 hours of supervised work with school aged children/students
- Proficiency in Spanish demonstrated by Assessment Language Proficiency in Spanish (ALPS)
- Be in good academic standing at the last institution attended
- Admission into the Teacher Certification Program
- Clear Criminal Background Check

** Students who do not meet the minimum admission requirements should contact the program’s Student Development Specialist and the Graduate School Catalog for special or conditional admissions

How to Apply

Apply through the UTSA Graduate School

graduateschool.utsa.edu

Send all USPS mail (transcripts, etc.) to:

The University of Texas at San Antonio
Attn: The Graduate School
One UTSA Circle
San Antonio, TX 78249

Financial Aid and Scholarships

To apply, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA)

fafsa.ed.gov

Graduate assistantship positions available within the college (average of 19 hours per week)

Additional graduate student scholarship information:

graduateschool.utsa.edu/funding
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