



Texas Reading First Higher Education Collaborative

Project of the Vaughn Gross Center for Reading and Language Arts at The University of Texas at Austin

Supporting the Reading First Initiative by providing teacher educators with opportunities to increase knowledge and expertise regarding scientifically based reading research and instruction

Purpose of the HEC

To ensure implementation of scientifically based reading research (SBRR) and scientifically based reading instruction (SBRI) into preservice teacher education programs, alternative certification programs, and community college teacher preparation classes.

Objectives of the HEC

- Support the Reading First Initiative by ensuring participating teacher educators instruct prospective teachers in the principles of scientifically based reading instruction.
- Support teacher educators in integrating SBRR by providing information, materials, and technical assistance.
- Establish a collaborative community of teacher educators who support each other in the implementation of SBRR.
- Collaborate with other Reading First Initiatives to support reading achievement of students in grades K-3 and professional development for elementary school educators and special education teachers, K-12.

The Higher Education Collaborative Forums

- The Texas Reading First Higher Education Collaborative (HEC), currently funded by the Texas Education Agency's Reading First Initiative, was formed in 2000 and consists of teacher educators from universities and colleges, community colleges, and alternative certification programs across the state. Members include faculty from elementary education, special education, educational administration, and multi-cultural/bilingual programs.
- The Texas Higher Education Collaborative of Educational Administrators supports Educational Administration and Educational Leadership faculty in integrating SBRR into their courses, reinforcing the role of administrators as leaders of literacy.
- HEC Online is a Web-based collaborative community providing access to discussion groups and useful materials to members of all the collaborative forums.

HEC Participating Institutions

Abilene Christian University
Alternative-South Texas Educator Program
Alvin Community College
Arlington Baptist College
Austin College
Austin Community College
Baylor University
Blinn College
Cisco Junior College
Concordia University
Cypress-Fairbanks College
Dallas Baptist University
Dallas Christian College
Dallas ISD
East Texas Baptist University
Education Career Alternative Program
Educational Service Center, Region I
Educational Service Center, Region II
Educational Service Center, Region VIII
Educational Service Center, Region 11
Educational Service Center Region XIII
Educational Service Center, Region XVIII
Educational Service Center, Region XIX
Educational Service Center, Region XX
Hardin Simmons University
Houston ISD
Howard Payne University
Huston-Tillotson University
Jarvis Christian College
Lamar University
Lamar State College-Orange
Accelerated Certification for Educators
Laredo Community College
LeTourneau University
Lubbock Christian University
McMurry University
Midwestern State University
North Harris College
North Harris Montgomery
Community College
Our Lady of the Lake University
Prairie View A & M University
Richland College
Sam Houston State University
Schreiner University
South Texas Community College
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern Assemblies of God
University
St Mary's University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Sul Ross State University
Tarleton State University-
Central Texas
Tarleton State University-Stephenville
Texas A & M University
Texas A & M University-Commerce
Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi
Texas A & M University-Kingsville
Texas A & M University-San Antonio
Texas A & M University-Texarkana
Texas Christian University
Texas Lutheran University
Texas Southern University
Texas State University-San Marcos
Texas Tech University
Texas Wesleyan University
Texas Woman's University
The Rio Grande College at Sul Ross
State University
The University of Texas at Arlington
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at Brownsville
The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of Texas at El Paso
The University of Texas-
Pan American
The University of Texas at Tyler
University of Dallas
University of Houston
University of Houston-Clear Lake
University of Houston-Victoria
University of Mary Hardin Baylor
University of North Texas
University of St. Thomas
University of the Incarnate Word
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