



UNIVERSITY of ST. THOMAS

*Educating Leaders of Faith and Character*

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## MEd in Special Education Leadership Program

### What is the degree program?

- This degree program is a collaborative effort between University of St. Thomas and four Independent School districts in the Houston Metropolitan area (HISD, Aldine ISD, Pasadena ISD and Spring ISD).
- The program consists of 36 credit hours (two years) that results in a Master Degree in Education and can lead to Principal Certification.

### What else do I need to know about the program?

- You will have a two-year service obligation for each year of program participation. Thus, this service obligation will require you to be in a special education leadership role for four years following the completion of the program. If you are unable to secure a special education leadership position, you can meet this requirement in a non-leadership special education role.

### Why choose this program?

- This program will prepare you for the unique challenges of special education leadership.
- UST is a small university with small classes where you will develop close relationships with professors and colleagues.
- Because this new program is part of a federal grant project, your cost for tuition will be significantly reduced. The grant will also pay for all your textbooks!
- Most courses needed for Principal Certification are included in your program of study. Any additional coursework needed for this certification will be available at a reduced UST tuition rate.

### Who can participate in the program?

- Special education teachers, other teachers, diagnosticians and speech therapists are prime candidates for the program. Individuals already in leadership positions, such as Department Chairs, are encouraged to apply.
- **You must work in one of the Independent School Districts mentioned above.**
- Special consideration will be given to candidates who are members of under-represented groups or who have a disability.

*"I really enjoy working with my cohort group members. The work has been challenging, but rewarding. Sometimes it is scary to get up in front of others, but the support and training we have received makes me able to go forward without fear."*

Joe Evans, PSEL Cohort #1 Member