

Mandatory Seminars and Events Information

The following seminars and events are for students currently enrolled in the Professional Development Sequence of courses.

Mental Health, Suicide Prevention and Substance Abuse Seminar

The Mental Health, Suicide Prevention and Substance Abuse Seminar provides information regarding best practices in the areas of early mental health intervention, mental health promotion and positive youth development, substance abuse prevention and intervention, and suicide prevention as required by the Texas Education Agency.

Requirement Details: There will be one Mental Health, Suicide Prevention and Substance Abuse Seminar hosted by the College of Education each semester. Pre-service teachers and professional certification seekers are required to attend to receive credit for intern semester/student teaching or recommendation for professional certification.

Required for:

Program	Semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UTeach Dance • UTeach Music • UTeach Theatre 	Intern
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UTeach Art 	Intern II
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC-6 • Bilingual • Special Education • PETE • UTeach Urban Teach Undergraduate • UTeach Urban Teach Masters • UTeach Natural Science 	Student Teacher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Certification – Principalship, School Counselor, Superintendent, School Librarian 	Last semester of practicum
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UTeach Liberal Arts 	<i>Please see your program coordinator.</i>

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School Law Seminar

The School Law Seminar provides information students need to know regarding state and federal education regulations, legal responsibilities teachers have to protect students, the rights of educators, and where to learn more about issues facing educators and students today.

Complete Requirement: [School Law Seminar Home Page](#)

Requirement Details: Completed online by watching a video of a School Law Seminar presented by Ms. Chris G. Elizalde, Attorney at Law (Walsh, Anderson, Gallegos, Green, & Treviño, P.C.) and completing a short review on Qualtrics for credit.

Required for:

Program	Semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UTeach Dance • UTeach Music • UTeach Theatre 	Intern

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC-6 ESL • Bilingual • PETE • UTeach Art • UTeach Urban Teach Undergraduate • UTeach Urban Teach Masters 	Intern II
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education 	Intern III

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Meet and Greet Forums

The Meet and Greets are interactive forums where recruiters from Texas school districts or non-Texas school districts are invited to share information about their school districts as well as answer specific questions associated to their recruitment and interviewing process, career building skills, perform a mock interview, Q&A session and personal networking for Student Teacher Candidates.

Requirement Details: There will be two Meet and Greet events each semester, the In-State Texas recruiter Meet and Greet and the non-Texas recruiter Meet and Greet. Students are required to attend one of these events to receive credit for the current PDS semester.

Required for:

Program	Semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PETE 	Intern II
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC-6 ESL • Bilingual • Special Education • UTeach Urban Teach Undergraduate • UTeach Urban Teach Masters • UTeach Dance 	Student Teacher

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Job Search Tools Workshop

The Job Search Tools Workshop provides information on creating résumés specifically geared toward applying for teaching positions and interviewing skills to help Student Teacher Candidates prepare for interviews.

Requirement Details: Workshops are held once each semester and students are required to attend the session to receive credit for the current PDS semester.

Required for:

Program	Semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PETE 	Intern II
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC-6 ESL • Bilingual • Special Education • UTeach Urban Teach Undergraduate • UTeach Urban Teach Masters • UTeach Dance 	Student Teacher

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School District Orientation

All student teachers are required to attend a school district orientation hosted by the school district in which they will be placed. Please refer to the [PDS Calendar](#) for current date and location information for your assigned district.

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College of Education Career Fair

The College of Education Career Fair provides an excellent opportunity for College of Education students to familiarize themselves with the job market and get acquainted with offerings from the various school districts and other recruiting organizations.

Mandatory - Student Teacher Semester

Optional & highly encouraged - Intern semester just prior to student teaching

(Please note: Career Fair is not a requirement for UTeach Music.)

Preparation: It is important for participants to be well-prepared. Visit [Preparation for Career Fairs](#) and [Tips to Dress for Success](#) in order to make the most of this event. For more information visit [Career Engagement Home Page](#).

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