



UHCL TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Early Childhood: PK-3 Certificate Teacher Residency Overview:

- *Cohort model*
- *One paid residency*
- *Guaranteed teaching position*
- *Mentor support for 5 years after graduation*

To create a community of practice, the Early Childhood: PK-3 Certificate Teacher Residency will use a cohort model. Upon acceptance into the residency, candidates will receive a letter of intent to hire from the partner school district. In return, the candidates agree to teach at the partner school district for a minimum of three years upon graduation. By participating in this cohort, candidates will spend one school year embedded in an early childhood classroom while they complete their teacher certification coursework and requirements. During the Fall semester, candidates will be paid to work as substitute teachers on Mondays and Fridays and take methods courses on the UHCL campus on Tuesdays. During the Spring semester, candidates will work as a paraprofessional while completing their Clinical Teaching requirement.

- Once candidates are accepted to the Teacher Education Program (TEP), they will complete their coursework as a cohort in a sequence designed to build on previous knowledge.
- After acceptance in the TEP and the PK-3 Teacher Residency program, but prior to enrolling in ECED 4378–Clinical Teaching I, candidates must take and pass the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities exam (160).
- Enrollment in ECED 497–Clinical Teaching II is contingent on passing the Science of Teaching Reading exam (293) and the Early Childhood: PK-3 Content exam (292).
- During Clinical Teaching II, candidates will participate in three PK-3 Residency Seminars. These will take place on Friday afternoons during Clinical Teaching II and cover topic relevant to new teachers. These seminars will include time for completion of surveys and reflections to document their learning and the efficacy of the cohort model for program evaluation and research.

DURING THE FALL SEMESTER, candidates will:

- 1) Enroll in three methods courses: ECED 4342–Social Studies Methods for EC-3; ECED 4343–Science Methods for EC-3; and ECED 4344–Mathematics Methods for EC-3. These three courses will meet on Tuesdays at the UHCL campus.
- 2) Enroll in ECED 4378–Clinical Teaching I
- 3) Candidates will be at the district campus Thursdays to for Field Experiences required as part of the methods courses listed above. These assignments may be completed in their assigned Cooperating Teacher’s Classroom or in a different grade-level classroom – depending on the requirements of the assignment.
- 4) Candidates will spend Wednesdays at the partner district campus in their assigned Cooperating Teacher’s classroom, completing requirements for Clinical Teaching I.
- 5) Candidates will spend M/F on the district campus serving as a substitute. The partner district will pay the candidates the normal substitute pay for these two days. If the candidate is not needed as a substitute at their assigned campus, they may be asked to substitute at another campus.

DURING THE CLINICAL TEACHING II SEMESTER, candidates will:

- 1) Enroll in ECED 4978–Clinical Teaching II.
- 2) Candidates will spend five days a week in their Cooperating Teacher’s classroom serving as a paraprofessional as they complete all the requirements of Clinical Teaching II.
- 3) The partner district will pay the candidate as a paraprofessional.
- 4) Candidates will provide 8 days of substitute teaching to the partner ISD at no additional cost. If the candidate is not needed as a substitute at their assigned campus, they may be asked to substitute at another campus.

Candidate Acceptance

Candidates will apply to participate in the Early Childhood: PK-3 Certificate Teacher Residency at the same time they apply to the TEP. Acceptance will be based on the candidate’s GPA, response to open-ended questions about their teaching philosophy and future goals, two letters of recommendation from previous College of Education instructors, and agreement to complete the requirements of the Residency, including teaching for three years at a partner district.

**Enroll in UHCL’s Early
Childhood: PK-3 Certificate
Teacher Residency today!**

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