

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN BILINGUAL (SPANISH) EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSTICIAN

The Bilingual Educational Diagnostician Certificate Program prepares educational diagnosticians who have Spanish and English language proficiency to evaluate Emergent Bilinguals (EB) and students who are monolingual. Candidates determine language dominance and proficiency, conduct assessments, interpret results, and make educational recommendations for learners in school settings. This certificate is available for candidates who are enrolled in a Bilingual Educational Diagnostician Cohort or candidates who already hold a state-issued Educational Diagnostician certification.

This Graduate Certificate is eligible to receive Title IV funding – Direct Unsubsidized Loans and Graduate PLUS loans by request. To be considered for aid, students need to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To access financial aid, students must be enrolled in 6 credit hours during the Fall and/or Spring semesters and 3 hours during the Summer semesters.

**Additional information:** Reference the Program Landing Page (<https://www.shsu.edu/programs/certificate/bilingual-educational-diagnostician/>) for additional information, such as cost, delivery format, contact information, or to schedule a visit.

Applicants seeking admission to the graduate certificate program in the Bilingual Educational Diagnostician Program must submit the following directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions (<https://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-admissions/prospective-students.html>):

## Spring 2025

1. Graduate Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-admissions/application-fee.html>)
3. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
4. Minimum undergraduate and graduate GPA of 3.0, either overall or in the last 60 credit hours
5. Two Recommendation Forms
6. Writing Sample ([https://www.shsu.edu/academics/school-of-teaching-and-learning/documents/Writing\\_Sample\\_Instructions.pdf](https://www.shsu.edu/academics/school-of-teaching-and-learning/documents/Writing_Sample_Instructions.pdf))
7. Copy of applicant's Teaching Certification (including Bilingual Education-Spanish)
8. Copy of applicant's Educational Diagnostician Certification (for applicants seeking only the Bilingual Diagnostician Certificate)

## Fall 2024

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3. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
4. Contact information for two references
5. Writing Sample ([https://www.shsu.edu/academics/school-of-teaching-and-learning/documents/Writing\\_Sample\\_Instructions.pdf](https://www.shsu.edu/academics/school-of-teaching-and-learning/documents/Writing_Sample_Instructions.pdf))
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Code	Title	Hours
<b>Graduate Certificate in Bilingual (Spanish) Educational Diagnostician</b>		
<b>Specified Courses</b>		
BESL 5314	Second Language Acquisition for Bilingual Diagnosticians	3
SPED 6319	Bilingual Cognitive Assessment	3
SPED 6322	Bilingual Special Education Assessment	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

**Note:** This SHSU bilingual certificate is issued in conjunction with the state-issued Educational Diagnostician certification and must meet all state requirements.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's 60x30TX plan and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The Graduate Certificate in Bilingual (Spanish) Educational Diagnostician is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Interpreting evaluation results to parents and stakeholders
- Bilingual assessment practices

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- Diagnostic skills
- Reporting and data analysis