

AAQEP Annual Report for 2023

Provider/Program Name:	University of the Incarnate Word
End Date of Current AAQEP Accreditation Term (or "n/a" if not yet accredited):	December 31, 2028

PART I: Publicly Available Program Performance and Candidate Achievement Data

1. Overview and Context

This overview describes the mission and context of the educator preparation provider and the programs included in its AAQEP review.

The University of the Incarnate Word, founded in 1881, is a private, Catholic university and is federally designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution. UIW is the largest Catholic university and the third-largest private university in Texas. The 154-acre main campus is located in central San Antonio with additional locations throughout the city, two campuses in Mexico, and a European Study Center in Strasbourg, France. UIW's 11 schools and colleges offer 110 undergraduate majors, minors, and concentrations and over 25 graduate programs. While a large university with a global enrollment of nearly 7,500 students, the average undergraduate class size is 16, with a 13:1 faculty-to-student ratio.

The University of the Incarnate Word's student demographics reflects the San Antonio demographics. Of additional note is that 85% of the student body commutes to campus, 21% are military-affiliated, and 27% self-report as first-generation.

Race/Ethnicity	Percentage	Race/Ethnicity	Percentage
Hispanic	64.2%	Hispanic	55%
White	24.8%	White	19%
Black/African American	6.4%	Black/African American	8%
Asian	2.7%	Asian	6%
Two or More Races	1.5%	Two or More Races	3%
American Indian, Alaska	0.1%	American Indian, Alaska	.5%
Native, Native Hawaiian,		Native, Native Hawaiian,	
Pacific Islander		Pacific Islander	
		Nonresident	5%
		Unknown	4%
Source: 2019 Racial Equity Report, City of Sa	1 2	Source: UIW Official Census Report Fall 20	023, Power BI, Accessed 12-14-202

Mission

The UIW Teacher Education Program is housed within the Dreeben School of Education. The Teacher Education Program's mission is to prepare educators who are guided by compassion, social justice, human dignity, and innovation. We are committed to ensuring a high-quality teacher preparation experience that combines theory with practical application. Reflective of Catholic Social Teaching, we value a culturally sustaining approach to teaching, contributing to a diverse teaching profession, and nurturing strong relationships with students and the community. To achieve our mission, the work of the faculty and students in the Dreeben School of Education is grounded in theory as well as practice.

San Antonio comprises 19 public independent school districts, wholly or partially within the county, and a growing number of private and charter schools. Our coursework provides field experience throughout the program to engage our students in various educational settings and diverse student populations. Before clinical teaching, the elementary candidates complete over 400 hours of field experiences in schools and educational backgrounds; the secondary and all level candidates complete over 70 hours. These field experiences connect theory to practice and scaffold our candidates' understanding and application of educators' responsibilities in our city's diverse communities.

Accreditation

The UIW Teacher Education Program coursework is approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is accredited by the Texas Education Agency. State accreditation ratings are provided annually with program site visits every five years. Annual ratings are posted on the TEA website: Accountability System for Educator Preparation. Initial TEA state accreditation was awarded in 1973. The most recent TEA continuing state accreditation review was completed in spring 2022; the next review is anticipated in 2027. Initial AAQEP national accreditation was awarded in January 2022. The next review is anticipated in 2028.

Degree & Certification Options

The Teacher Education Program provides a comprehensive program yielding degree conferral and Texas teacher certification. Three B.A. majors are offered: Education-Elementary, Education-Secondary, and Education-All Level. Elementary teacher candidates prepare for early childhood-6th grade

(EC-6) certification with an incorporated minor in literacy and a special education course sequence aligned with the program's commitment to preparing teachers for inclusive learning communities. Secondary (7th-12th grades) and all level (early childhood-12th grades) teacher candidates complete a B.A. with dual majors in education and their teaching discipline. The minors in literacy and special education are options. Secondary teaching disciplines include: biology (life science), chemistry (physical science), English, history, and mathematics. All level teaching disciplines include: art, kinesiology (physical education), music, Spanish, and theatre. (NOTE: Music candidates currently complete a Bachelor Music in Music Education with an education minor as dual majors are not offered with different degrees.)

Teacher Education Program Candidacy

Upon completion of at least 60 credit hours, typically in the fall of junior year (for undergraduates), students apply and must be formally accepted to the Teacher Education Program to advance to the designated professional development (pedagogy) courses. TEP admission components include both program and state certification requirements. Included in the application process is an evaluation of academic progression (a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75), demonstrated basic skill proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics (Texas Higher Education Assessment), demonstrated communication skills (group interview), and an assessment of professional educator disposition. The full application process provides both admission and formative development indicators to inform the educator candidate's continued development. Clinical teaching, our performance-based assessment, is the culmination of the preparation program. Weekly field experiences are integrated into both semesters of the professional development coursework.

Clinical Teaching

Clinical teaching placements are coordinated with our partnership public school districts, require a sixteen-week full-day placement, and provide a scaffolded assumption of teaching responsibilities. Each clinical teacher must apply to the clinical teaching cohort the semester prior. Acceptance requirements involve an evaluation of academic progression (minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 and minimum grades in the professional development coursework and major/minor), demonstrated professional communication skills (group interview similar to HR screening interview), established content knowledge (passing state content certification exam), and an assessment of professional educator disposition. Each clinical teacher is assigned a cooperating teacher, a Texas certified teacher with a minimum of three years' experience, with whom the clinical teacher will work daily, engaging in all professional responsibilities permitted. A university supervisor is assigned to each clinical teacher. The supervisor completes a minimum of four formal observations and two evaluations. Clinical teachers also attend a weekly seminar that provides additional preparation including topics related to pedagogy and professional responsibilities. All clinical teaching assessments are aligned with the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS).

<u>UIW Teacher Network</u>

The UIW Teacher Network, the Teacher Education Program's induction initiative, was established in August 2012 to provide our graduates with continued support as they transition into the teaching profession. The Teacher Network provides completers with induction support, professional development, and professional networking. Directed support to novice teachers in their first three years is intended to increase retention in the profession; however, we are committed to providing ongoing support throughout our teachers' careers. All graduates of our program may request support and are invited to UIW Teacher Network events. A full-time Induction Coordinator works collaboratively with the Director of Teacher Education and faculty. Sustained contact with program graduates and analysis of support needs are informing continued program development.

Professional development is a foundational element of the UIW Teacher Network. All events are open to our graduates, clinical teachers, TEP candidates, partnership schools, and to the San Antonio community. Continuing professional education (CPE) credits are provided to certified teachers and can be applied toward standard certificate renewal requirements of 150 CPE hours every five years. The UIW Teacher Network website provides detailed information on the Network's various efforts, including professional development, professional organization resources, graduate accomplishments, a contact/outreach link, and links to our social media platforms.

Public Posting URL

Part I of this report is posted at the following web address (accredited members filing this report must post at least Part I):

https://www.uiw.edu/education/about/accreditation.html?source=megamenu

2. Enrollment and Completion Data

Table 1 shows current enrollment and recent completion data for each program included in the AAQEP review.

Table 1. Program Specification: Enrollment and Completers for Academic Year 2022-2023

Degree or Certificate granted by the institution or organization	State Certificate, License, Endorsement, or Other Credential	Number of Candidates enrolled in most recently completed academic year (9-1-2022 through 8-31-2023) *Officially accepted to the UIW Teacher Education Program	Number of Completers in most recently completed academic year (9-1-2022 through 8-31-2023)
B.A. Education-Elementary	Core Subjects EC-6 with Science of Teaching Reading	28	7
B.A. Education-Secondary & Biology	Life Science 7-12	0	0
B.A. Education-Secondary & Chemistry	Physical Science 7-12	0	0
B.A. Education-Secondary & English	English Language Arts & Reading 7-12	3	3
B.A. Education-Secondary & History	History 7-12	5	1
B.A. Education-Secondary & Mathematics	Mathematics 7-12	7	1
B.A. Education-All Level & Art	Art EC-12	3	1
B.A. Education-All Level & Kinesiology	Physical Education EC-12	6	4
B.A. Education-All Level & Spanish	Spanish EC-12	2	0
B.A. Education-All Level & Theatre	Theatre Arts EC-12	3	2
B.M. Music Education & Education Minor	Music EC-12	19	3
Т	otal for programs that lead to initial credentials	76	22

Degree or Certificate granted by the institution or organization	State Certificate, License, Endorsement, or Other Credential	Number of Candidates enrolled in most recently completed academic year (9-1-2022 through 8-31-2023) *Officially accepted to the UIW Teacher Education Program	Number of Completers in most recently completed academic year (9-1-2022 through 8-31-2023)
Programs that lead	d to additional or advanced credentials for a	already-licensed educators	
UIW does not currently offer advanced credential programs for already-licensed educators.		n/a	n/a
Total for program	n/a	n/a	
Programs that lead to	credentials for other school professiona	ls or to no specific creden	tial
UIW does not currently offer programs that lead	to other credentials for school professionals.	n/a	n/a
Total for additional programs		n/a	n/a
TOTAL enrollment and productivity for all programs		76	22
Unduplicated t	otal of all program candidates and completers	76	22

Added or Discontinued Programs

Any programs within the AAQEP review that have been added or discontinued within the past year are listed below. (This list is required only from providers with accredited programs.)

No programs have been added or discontinued in 2023.

3. Program Performance Indicators

The program performance information in Table 2 applies to the academic year indicated in Table 1.

Table 2. Program Performance Indicators

A. **Total enrollment** in the educator preparation programs shown in Table 1. This figure is an unduplicated count, i.e., individuals earning more than one credential may be counted in more than one line above but only once here.

76

B. **Total number of unique completers** (across all programs) included in Table 1. This figure is an unduplicated count, i.e., individuals who earned more than one credential may be counted in more than one line above but only once here.

22

C. Number of recommendations for certificate, license, or endorsement included in Table 1.

21

D. **Cohort completion rates** for candidates who completed the various programs within their respective program's expected timeframe **and** in 1.5 times the expected timeframe.

95%

E. **Summary of state license examination results**, including teacher performance assessments, and specification of any examinations on which the pass rate (cumulative at time of reporting) was below 80%.

UIW Teacher Education Program								TEA
	All	Female	Male	African American	Hispanic	Other	White	Performance Standard
Pedagogy State Exams (n=17)	100% (17)	100% (9)	100% (8)	100% (3)	100% (8)	100% (2)	100% (4)	85%
Content Certification State Exams (n=11)	82% (11)	71% (7)	100% (4)	100% (1)	71% (7)	100% (2)	100% (1)	75%

The Texas Education Agency allows candidates up to five attempts on each certification exam. For both pedagogy tests and content pedagogy tests, the Educator Preparation Program performance standard is the percentage of individuals who passed an examination within the first two attempts. For EPP accreditation status determination, the performance standard for content exams is 75% and for pedagogy exams is 85%.

The 2022-2023 testing performance data indicates UIW met the state performance standard for all teacher candidates; however, the subgroups of females and Hispanic candidates presented 71% for the content certification exams. This percentage reflects two Hispanic female candidates who passed their respective content exam yet needed more than two attempts to do so.

F. Narrative explanation of evidence available from program completers, with a characterization of findings.

The Texas Education Agency administers a New Teacher Satisfaction Survey to first year teachers to determine their satisfaction with their preparation. The presented data represents the survey administered to teachers completing their first year in 2022-2023. Every question contained the four response options: 0= Not at All Prepared, 1= Not Sufficiently Prepared, 2= Sufficiently Prepared, and 3= Well Prepared. Survey results are a component of annual state accreditation ratings.

The survey includes 49 items assessing six categories: planning, instruction, learning environment, pedagogy and professional responsibilities, students with disabilities, and Emergent Bilinguals. The final item asks completers to indicate their overall evaluation of how well they were "prepared for the realities of the classroom". The responses of the 2022-2023 first-year teachers prepared by the UIW Teacher Education Program are presented.

New Teacher Satisfaction Survey UIW Prepared First-Year Teachers (2022-2023)					
Survey Category	Mean Rating (0-3 Scale)	Sufficiently or Well Prepared			
Planning	2.3	100%			
Instruction	2.4	100%			
Learning Environment	2.6	88%			
Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities	2.5	88%			
Students with Disabilities	2.1	86%			
Emerging Bilinguals	2.0	100%			
What is your overall evaluation of how well you were prepared for the realities of the classroom as they exist on your campus?	2.5	50% Sufficiently Prepared 50% Well Prepared			

G. Narrative explanation of evidence available from employers of program completers, with a characterization of findings.

The Texas Education Agency administers a Principal Survey of the Preparation of First-Year Teachers to determine how satisfied principals are with their first-year teachers' preparation. The presented data represents the survey administered to the principals of teachers completing their first year in 2022-2023. Every question contained the four response options: 0= Not at All Prepared, 1= Not Sufficiently Prepared, 2= Sufficiently Prepared, and 3= Well Prepared. Survey results are a component of annual state accreditation ratings.

The survey includes 52 items assessing six categories: planning, instruction, learning environment, pedagogy and professional responsibilities, students with disabilities, and Emergent Bilinguals. The final item asks principals to indicate their overall evaluation of how well the educator preparation program prepared the teacher for the realities of the classroom as they exist on the campus. The principals' responses assessing the 2022-2023 first-year teachers prepared by the UIW Teacher Education Program are presented.

Principal Survey of the Preparation of First-year Teachers UIW Prepared First-Year Teachers (2022-2023)				
Survey Category	Mean Rating (0-3 Scale)	Sufficiently or Well Prepared		
Planning	2.4	100%		
Instruction	2.4	94%		
Learning Environment	2.5	83%		
Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities	2.6	94%		
Students with Disabilities	2.2	94%		
Emerging Bilinguals	2.3	100%		
What is your overall evaluation of how well the educator preparation program prepared this teacher for the realities of the classroom as they exist on your campus?	2.4	56% Sufficiently Prepared 44% Well Prepared		

H. Narrative explanation of how the program investigates **employment rates for program completers**, with a characterization of findings. This section may also indicate rates of completers' ongoing education, e.g., graduate study.

The UIW Teacher Network, our induction program, prepares an annual Hiring Report for the prior year's completers. Clinical teachers are asked to provide a personal email, which is added to the Network listsery to maintain communication following graduation. The Induction Coordinator assists with interview preparation and is often directly informed of teaching positions. Each September, program completers are sent a survey to report their teaching status.

The Fall 2023 Hiring Report provides employment data for the 2022-2023 program completers. Of the 19 program completers seeking teaching positions, 18 were hired (as of September), resulting in a 95% employment rate. Of the newly hired teachers, 100% are teaching in Texas, with 78% in San Antonio's Bexar County school districts.

UIW 2022-2023 Teacher Education Program C Hiring Status for the 2023-2024 Academic Year (as of	•
Seeking Teaching Position- Hired	82% (18)
Seeking Teaching Position- Not Hired	4% (1)
Not Seeking Teaching Position- Graduate School	14% (3)
Not Seeking Teaching Position- Personal Reasons	0% (0)
Unknown	0% (0)

4. Candidate Academic Performance Indicators

Tables 3 and 4 report on select measures of candidate/completer performance related to AAQEP Standards 1 and 2, including the program's expectations for successful performance and indicators of the degree to which those expectations are met.

Table 3. Expectations and Performance on Standard 1: Candidate and Completer Performance

Provider-Selected Measures	Explanation of Performance Expectation	Level or Extent of Success in Meeting the Expectation				
Certification Exams	Minimum of 85% pass rate on TExES	2022-2023 Certification Exam Pass Rates				
Pedagogy State Exams (1a-1f)Content State Exams (1a)	certification exams (within first two attempts)	Exam	Pass Rate	State Passing Standard	UIW Passing Standard	
		Pedagogy	100% (17)	85%	85%	
		Content	82% (11)	75%	85%	
		UIW teacher candidates met the state's certification of passing standard for both pedagogy and content exa. The UIW performance expectation is higher than the expectation, at 85% for both exams. The small number candidates completing the content exam impacted the content pass rate (9 of 11 passed within two attempts candidates ultimately passed their respective content exams.				nt exams. an the state's I number of sted the tempts). All

Provider-Selected Measures	Explanation of Performance Expectation	Level or Extent of Success in Meeting the Expectation					
Field-Based Experience Teaching Observation (1a-1f)	For each FBE cohort (elementary & secondary/all level), a minimum average of	2022 TEP Cohort- Elementary (n=4) FBE Semester 2 (fall 2022)					
 Completed by UIW faculty/FBE Coordinator, 2nd FBE Semester 	1.5 will be indicated for each domain.	Domain		Oomain Ratir Cohort Mea	0	Met ndard	
Coordinator, 2 1 B2 Connector	The T-TESS evaluation system is aspirational, proficient being an expected rating for	Instructional Planning (4 indicators)		2.0		Y	
	experienced teachers. Therefore, the UIW	Instruction (5 indicators)		1.8		Y	
	Teacher Education Program expects teacher candidates' performance with early teaching	Learning Environment (3 indicators)		1.8		Y	
	will indicate needed improvement and development by the culmination of field-based experiences. Rating categories include:	The elementary cohort standards in all three do	omains.			ce	
	Developing (2.0)	2022 TEP Cohort- Sec FBE Semester 2 (fall 2		All Level (I	n=19)		
	Needs Improvement (1.0)NA	Domain		Domain Ratir Cohort Mea		Met ndard	
		Instructional Planning (4 indicators)		1.7		Y	
		Instruction (5 indicators)		1.8		Y	
		Learning Environment (3 indicators)		2.0		Y	
Professional Disposition Assessment (1f)	For each FBE cohort (elementary &	The secondary/all level standards in all three do	omains. mentary		gram per	rformance	
 Completed by the Field-Based Experience Classroom Teacher 	secondary/all level), a minimum of 75% of the teacher candidates will be rated a 4.0 for each	FBE Semester 2 (fall 2		ement 1	Place	ement 2	
	disposition category (range of 1-5) with a cohort mean of 3.5.	Disposition Category	Cohort Mean	Percentage at 4.0	Cohort Mean	Percentage at 4.0	
	conort mean of 3.5.	Professionalism	4.3	75%	3.8	75%	
	NOTE: Elementary candidates complete two placements in the semester; secondary/all level candidates complete one placement.	Communication	4.8	100%	4.0	75%	
		Content & Pedagogy	3.6	50%	3.3	75%	
		Cultural & Social Responsiveness	4.8	100%	4.5	100%	
		Health & Wellness	4.8	100%	4.3	75%	
		Reflective Practice	4.3	75%	3.8	75%	

Provider-Selected Measures	Explanation of Performance Expectation	Level or Extent of Success in Meeting the Expectation				
		The elementary cohort met the program performance standards in five of the six domains for placements 1 and 2. The small number of elementary candidates impacted the cohort mean and percentage. Of the four candidates, one ultimately withdrew from the program due to personal reasons which were impacting performance. Disposition conferences are conducted when a candidate earns a rating below 4.0. This provides an opportunity for reflection before the next FBE placement or clinical teaching. 2022 TEP Cohort- Secondary/All Level (n=19) FBE Semester 2 (fall 2022)				
		Disposition Category	Cohort	Percentage	1	
		Professionalism	Mean 4.8	at 4.0 100%		
		Communication	4.8	95%	_	
		Content & Pedagogy	4.5	79%	-	
		Cultural & Social Responsiveness	4.9	100%		
		Health & Wellness	4.7	100%	-	
		Reflective Practice	4.7	100%		
		The secondary/all leve standards in all six don		et the progran	n performance	

Provider-Selected Measures	Explanation of Performance Expectation	Level or Extent of Success in Meeting the Expectation			
Completed collaboratively by the Cooperating Teacher & UIW Supervisor is a rat the norm.	For each evaluation (T-TESS) domain, a minimum average of 2.5 will be indicated for each domain. The T-TESS evaluation system is aspirational, proficient being an expected rating for experienced teachers. Therefore,	2022-2023 Clinical Teachers Evaluation Domain	F 2022 Domain Rating: Cohort Mean	SP 2023 Domain Rating: Cohort Mean	
	the UIW Teacher Education Program expects novice teachers will be developing-proficient	Domain 1: Planning	(n=10) 3.1	3.1	
	by the culmination of clinical teaching. Rating categories include:	Domain 2: Instruction Domain 3: Learning Environment	3.0	3.0	
	Accomplished (4.0)Proficient (3.0)	Domain 4: Professional Practices & Responsibilities	3.3	3.2	
	 Developing (2.0) Improvement Needed (1.0) Not Observed 	Domain 5: Supporting Students with Disabilities	3.3	2.7	
		Domain 6: Supporting Emerging Bilingual Students	3.0	2.5	
		The 2022-2023 clinical teachers performance standards in all six		am	

Table 4. Expectations and Performance on Standard 2: Completer Professional Competence and Growth

Provider-Selected Measures	Explanation of Performance Expectation	Level or Extent of Success in Meeting the Expectation	
Texas Education Agency New Teacher Satisfaction Surveys (2022-2023 First-Year Teachers)	A minimum of 75% of new teachers will respond that they were sufficiently prepared or well prepared. NOTE: The Texas Education Agency's performance standard is 70% of new teachers responding that they were sufficiently prepared or well prepared by the EPP.	New Teacher Satisfaction Survey	
		Survey Category	Sufficiently or Well Prepared
		Planning	100%
		Instruction	100%
		Learning Environment	88%
		Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities	88%
		Students with Disabilities	86%
		Emerging Bilinguals	100%
		Overall Evaluation of the First-Year Teacher	50% Sufficiently Prepared 50% Well Prepared
		UIW met the program and state performance standards.	
Texas Education Agency Principal Survey of the Preparation of First- Year Teachers (2022-2023 First-Year Teachers)	A minimum of 75% of principals will respond that the first-year teachers were sufficiently prepared or well prepared. NOTE: The Texas Education Agency's performance standard is 70% of new teachers are rated as sufficiently prepared or well prepared by the EPP.	Principal Survey	
		Survey Category	Sufficiently or Well Prepared
		Planning	100%
		Instruction	94%
		Learning Environment	83%
		Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities	94%
		Students with Disabilities	94%
		Emerging Bilinguals	100%
		Overall Evaluation of the First-Year Teacher	56% Sufficiently Prepared 44% Well Prepared
		UIW met the program and state performance standards.	

UIW Teacher Network (Induction Program) Principal Check-In Survey of First-Year Teachers

Completed in the fall semester of the first year of teaching

A minimum of 50% of new teachers rated as not needing immediate interventions support in the six evaluation (T-TESS) domains.

Rating categories include:

- Doing Great
- Doing Well: No check-in needed
- Doing Fine: Would benefit from a check-in
- Struggling: Would benefit from immediate support

The Induction Coordinator position was vacant in fall 2022. The position was filled in January 2023. This program measure was not collected in 2022-2023 but will be provided for the 2023-2024 academic year.

5. Notes on Progress, Accomplishment, and Innovation

This section describes program accomplishments, efforts, and innovations (strengths and outcomes) to address challenges and priorities over the past year.

In the 2022-2023 academic year, the Teacher Education Program engaged in the following efforts and initiatives to address program priorities.

Charles Butt Foundation- Raising Texas Teachers Partner

The Charles Butt Foundation's Raising Texas Teachers initiative was implemented in 2017 to address recruitment, training, and retention of Texas teachers. UIW joined as an Emerging Partner in 2019, engaging in continuous improvement efforts, both as an independent program and as part of a network of 27 university-based teacher preparation programs. The UIW Teacher Education Program received partnership status in the fall of 2023. Now, as one of 21 partners, the UIW Teacher Education Program candidates are eligible for the Charles Butt Scholarship for Aspiring Teachers. Scholars receive annual scholarships of \$8,000-\$10,000, engage in state-level professional development for all scholars, and receive networking support, including mentoring from a Texas school leader.

UIW Teacher Network Data Collection Processes

The Induction Coordinator and Program Director developed a data collection schedule and associated processes to improve the assessment of completer performance and the impact of induction support. The data cycle includes collecting hiring/employment data, principal and teacher check-in survey responses midway through the first semester of the first year of teaching, induction support focus areas, and principal and first year teacher satisfaction surveys. Data is presented to faculty at scheduled intervals to inform continued preparation efforts, coursework, and professional development.

Revision and Implementation of FBE Observation and Evaluation Instruments

The Teacher Education Department faculty collaborated to revise the FBE observation and evaluation documents to align with the state's T-TESS (Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System) domains and indicators. All faculty and supervisors have received T-TESS training, and the language and performance indicators are consistently reflected in the FBE assessment instruments and in coursework. The revised documents were used for the

2022 cohort, user input was considered as minor revisions were made for the 2023 cohort. The revisions considered support and clarity for the evaluator and for the candidate.

Shared Professional Development

At the onset of our program improvement work, our faculty, supervisors, and administrators focused on individual professional development and informal collaborations. While our faculty were eager to work together, we realized we were responding to, rather than anticipating, needs. The feedback from the TPI-US report provided unrealized insight into the inconsistency of our instructional approaches. While we strongly uphold the importance of multiple perspectives and experiences, we also realize the need to help bridge content from one course to another and across instructors. In 2022-2023, we witnessed a greater sensitivity related to culturally responsive teaching (and the confusion with Critical Race Theory). Texas legislative changes have added complexities. Shared professional learning for the 2022-2023 academic year included:

- T-TESS Inter-Rater Reliability Training (January 2023): Presented by the Texas Education Service Center, Region 20
- Innovative Schools Summit (July 2023): Faculty participated in shared keynotes and were able to choose sessions from the five conference strands (Innovative Teaching Strategies Conference, School Climate and Culture Forum, At-Risk Students Conference, and the Trauma-Informed Schools Conference).
- UIW Teacher Network Professional Development Event, "Positive Behavior Principles: Shifting Perspectives and Aligning Practices in Schools" (August 2023): Presented by Dan St. Domain, this session focused on the need to evolve strategies to support student behavior, meet student needs, and promote learning. This event was open to our current students, graduates, and the community.

Teacher Education Recruitment Plan

The Teacher Education Department faculty responded to enrollment challenges by establishing a Recruitment and Retention Task Force. This group began their work by meeting with university representatives from admissions, advising, enrollment management, and public relations. In 2022-2023, the following actions were completed:

- UIW students who had not declared a major were contacted and invited to an Education Program information session to learn more about teaching and the Education majors. Also invited were majors from the disciplines in which we offer certification.
- Teacher Education faculty visited classes in each of the disciplines in which we offer certification to present an overview of education and teaching.
- Faculty representative attended the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) state conference and presented a session as an introduction to a UIW literacy course. The contact information of interested high school students was compiled and shared with UIW Admissions. A database of TAFE high school and community college groups was developed for future outreach.
- Working with Enrollment Management and Public Relations, photos and videos of program completers in their classrooms was captured for social media and communications.