

## Opportunity to Join a New DBU Cohort

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Birdville ISD, HEB ISD, and Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD are entering into a new cohort with DBU. This cohort is an attempt to prepare transformational leaders in curriculum and instruction. The newly designed 12 hour course of study will consist of the following:

### Curriculum Design and Evaluation

A study of the current and classical theories of curriculum development; analysis of determinants of the curriculum; approaches to the design and systematic evaluation of curriculum.

### Improving the Learning of Students

This course is an investigation of the components of learning platforms and effective ways to move from a focus on teaching to a focus on learning. The course provides opportunities for candidates to read current research on learning, ways to increase learning and professional learning to build the capacity of teachers to engage and extend student learning.

### Assessment to Improve Learning: How to use Formative Assessment and Continuous Improvement

This course will investigate a balanced/comprehensive assessment program. Its focus is on the development of a district plan including multiple types of assessments as well as the use of data to improve student learning. In addition, the course will provide information about engaging the learner to use his/her own data to inform learning and demonstrating mastery.

### Teaching the At-Risk Student: Program Design, Implementation and Evaluation

This course addresses current research to effectively reach the at-risk student. It also provides candidates with successful techniques to diagnose, prescribe, and communicate to parents and other school personnel.

The good news is that if you already have a Master's Degree, these additional hours will gain you a curriculum and instruction specialization. If you want to work toward a Master's Degree, these 12 hours will apply to the course requirements. Last, if you are interested in pursuing a doctoral degree, these 12 hours will also count toward the course requirements.

Come to an information meeting on Wednesday, November 19, at 4:00 PM in the Omni Room at the BCTAL and listen to Dr. Debbie Tribble, professor at DBU, explain the program, the cost, and the application process. All classes will be offered either at the Pat May Center in HEB ISD or the BCTAL in Birdville ISD.