The Office of Student Teaching under the Department of Curriculum and Instruction provides instruction and practice in planning using various teaching strategies and management techniques to prepare teacher candidates for the classroom.

The faculty and staff of the office provide an intense opportunity to practice using the knowledge and skills that each candidate possesses. They also work to cultivate each candidate’s ability to develop knowledge and skills needed to help their students develop into educated people.
The primary goal of the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education Student Teaching Program is to create a learner-centered clinical experience for Education majors. The program brings together a teacher education candidate’s experiences as an individual and as a learner, so that the candidate can move into the profession of teaching and be described as:

- A clear and effective communicator who initiates, receives, interprets, and responds to verbal and nonverbal messages from students, colleagues, and other constituents;
- A self-directed, reflective, and lifelong learner who evaluates, adapts to, and implements change as a professional educator;
- A creative and practical problem solver who applies concepts, principles, and skills from all disciplines to address educational challenges;
- A responsible citizen who models, for students, active participation in the political, social, and economic life of the school, the community, and the world.
- A collaborative professional who demonstrates skills and behaviors necessary for student success.

All student teachers placement are within a 60 mile radius of Prairie View A&M University

Candidates are eligible for admission to student teaching after the following requirements have been met:
1. Admission to teacher education;
2. Completion of the respective EC-6, EC-12, 4-8, or 8-12 major requirements with a minimum 2.50 grade point average. Only grades of C or above will be accepted. Degree Audit’s, signed by your advisor, verifying the completion of all course work will be required for processing;
3. Completion of the professional development requirements with a minimum 2.50 grade point average. Only grades of C or above will be accepted. (Degree Audit verifying completion of course work.)
4. Verification that the candidate has successfully passed a criminal background check;
5. Official documentation that TExES/ExCET content and pedagogy licensure examination(s) have been taken;
6. Texas Education Agency Identification number; and,
7. Certification Checklist from Certification Office

The application for student teaching can be obtained from the Office of Student Teaching and Field Experiences’ website. It should be completed prior to the semester planned for student teaching. The Committee of Admission to Student Teaching reviews all applications. Upon approval (or disapproval) by the Committee, the Chair of the Committee notifies each student by letter.

The candidate is cautioned not to contact a school district in an attempt to gain placement for student teaching. The placement of candidates for this experience is the responsibility of the Director of Student Teaching and Field Experiences. There is an agreement between the school districts and the College of Education that only the Director will make such contacts.