

# **AAQEP Annual Report for 2024**

This report reflects data and initiatives for the 2023-2024 academic year.

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 more than 100 undergraduate majors, minors, and concentrations and over 25 graduate programs. While a large university with a global enrollment of nearly 9,254 (as of fall 2024) students, the average undergraduate class size is 16, with a 13:1 faculty-to-student ratio. The fall 2024 San Antonio enrollment was 6,971.

The University of the Incarnate Word's student demographics reflects the San Antonio demographics. Of additional note is that 81% of the main campus student body commutes to campus, 14% are military-affiliated, and 27% self-report as first-generation.

San Antonio		UIW	
Race/Ethnicity	Percentage	Race/Ethnicity	Percentage
Hispanic	64.5%	Hispanic	55%
White	22.6%	White	18%
Black/African American	6.6%	Black/African American	8%
Asian	3.5%	Asian	6%
Two or More Races	2.0%	Two or More Races	3%
American Indian, Alaska	.9	American Indian, Alaska	0%
Native, Native Hawaiian,		Native, Native Hawaiian,	
Pacific Islander		Pacific Islander	
		Nonresident	5%
		Unknown	5%
Source: 2022 Data USA: San Antonio https://datausa.io/profile/geo/san-ar		Source: UIW Official Census Report Accessed 12-14-2024 UIW By the Nu	

#### <u>Mission</u>

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 based on the prior academic year's data and are posted on the TEA website: <u>Accountability System for Educator Preparation</u>. The UIW Teacher Education Program's 2023-2024 accreditation rating is Accredited.

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-6<sup>th</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) and all level (early childhood-12<sup>th</sup> 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 a dual Education-All Level major.)

### 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, three informal observations, and two three-way evaluations (clinical teacher, cooperating teacher, and supervisor). 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).

#### UIW Teacher Network

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 <u>UIW Teacher Network website</u> 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.

<b>Degree or Certificate</b> granted by the institution or organization	State Certificate, License, Endorsement, or Other Credential	Number of Candidates enrolled in most recently completed academic year (9-1-2023 through 8-31-2024) *Officially accepted to the UIW Teacher Education Program	Number of Completers in most recently completed academic year (9-1-2023 through 8-31-2024)
	Programs that lead to initial teaching	credentials	
B.A. Education-Elementary	Core Subjects EC-6 with Science of Teaching Reading	39	13
B.A. Education-Secondary & Biology	Life Science 7-12	1	0
B.A. Education-Secondary & Chemistry	Physical Science 7-12	0	0
B.A. Education-Secondary & English	English Language Arts & Reading 7-12	1	0
B.A. Education-Secondary & History	History 7-12	3	0
B.A. Education-Secondary & Mathematics	Mathematics 7-12	4	0
B.A. Education-All Level & Art	Art EC-12	2	2
B.A. Education-All Level & Kinesiology	Physical Education EC-12	3	2
B.A. Education-All Level & Spanish	Spanish EC-12	2	1
B.A. Education-All Level & Theatre	Theatre Arts EC-12	1	1
B.M. Music Education & Education Minor	Music EC-12	13	3
1	Fotal for programs that lead to initial credentials	69	22
Programs th	at lead to additional or advanced credentials	for already-licensed educators	
UIW does not currently offer advanced creden	tial programs for already-licensed educators.	n/a	n/a
Total for progra	ms that lead to additional/advanced credentials	n/a	n/a

## Table 1. Program Specification: Enrollment and Completers for Academic Year 2023-2024

<b>Degree or Certificate</b> granted by the institution or organization	State Certificate, License, Endorsement, or Other Credential	Number of Candidates enrolled in most recently completed academic year (9-1-2023 through 8-31-2024) *Officially accepted to the UIW Teacher Education Program	Number of Completers in most recently completed academic year (9-1-2023 through 8-31-2024)
Programs that le	ead to credentials for other school profess	ionals or to no specific creder	ntial
UIW does not currently offer advanced creden	tial programs for already-licensed educators.	n/a	n/a
	Total for additional programs	n/a	n/a
тот	AL enrollment and productivity for all programs	69	22
Unduplicated	total of all program candidates and completers	69	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 2024.

## 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.

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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.

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

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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.

100%

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%.

	J	JIW Teacher E	ducation Progr	am			UIW Test Dest	TEA
	Female	Male	African American	Hispanic	Other	White	Test Pass Rate	Performance Standard
Pedagogy State Exams	100% (22)	100% (3)	0% (0)	100% (17)	100% (1)	100% (7)	100% (25)	85%
Content Certification State Exams	100% (26)	100% (5)	100% (1)	100% (19)	100% 1)	100% (10)	100% (31)	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 2023-2024 testing performance data indicates UIW met the state performance standard for all teacher candidates overall and within the subgroups.

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 2023-2024. 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 2023-2024 first-year teachers prepared by the UIW Teacher Education Program are presented.

New Teacher Satisfac UIW Prepared First-Year Te		
Survey Category	Mean Rating (0-3 Scale)	Sufficiently or Well Prepared
Planning	2.4	100%
Instruction	2.5	100%
Learning Environment	2.5	88%
Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities	2.7	88%
Students with Disabilities	2.4	86%
Emerging Bilinguals	2.2	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	55% Sufficiently Prepared 45% 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 2023-2024. 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 2023-2024 first-year teachers prepared by the UIW Teacher Education Program are presented.

Principal Survey of the Preparat UIW Prepared First-Year T	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Survey Category	Mean Rating (0-3 Scale)	Sufficiently or Well Prepared
Planning	2.0	72%
Instruction	1.9	61%
Learning Environment	2.0	72%
Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities	2.1	72%
Students with Disabilities	1.9	69%
Emerging Bilinguals	2.1	92%
Vhat 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?	1.9	22% Not Sufficiently Prepared 61% Sufficiently Prepared 17% 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 listserv 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 2024 Hiring Report provides employment data for the 2023-2024 program completers. Of the 22 program completers, 16 sought teaching positions and 15 were hired (as of September), resulting in a 94% employment rate. Of the newly hired teachers, 100% are teaching in Texas, with 87% in San Antonio's Bexar County school districts.

UIW 2023-2024 Teacher Education Program C	Completers
Hiring Status for the 2024-2025 Academic Year (as of	f September 2024)
Seeking Teaching Position- Hired	68% (15)
Seeking Teaching Position- Not Hired	5% (1)
Not Seeking Teaching Position- Graduate School	18% (4)
Not Seeking Teaching Position- Personal Reasons	9% (2)
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.

Provider-Selected Measures	Explanation of Performance Expectation	Level or Exter Expectation	nt of Succ	ess in Meeting	the
Certification Exams	Minimum of 85% pass rate on TExES	2023-2024 Cert	ification Ex	am Pass Rates	
<ul><li>Pedagogy State Exams (1a-1f)</li><li>Content State Exams (1a)</li></ul>	certification exams (within first two attempts)	Exam	Pass Rate	State Passing Standard	UIW Passing Standard
		Pedagogy	100% (25)	85%	100%
		Content	100% (31)	75%	100%
Field-Based Experience Teaching	The field-based experiences are associated		ce expectation 100% for both port- Element	tary (n=15)	
<ul> <li>Observation (1a-1f)</li> <li>Completed by UIW Faculty/FBE Coordinator, 2<sup>nd</sup> FBE Semester</li> </ul>	with the professional development course sequence. Each cohort completes FBE semester 1 in the spring and FBE semester 2	Domain	2 (Iaii 2023)	Domain Rating: Cohort Mean	Met Standard
	in the fall. This data reflects semester 2 performance ratings as summative FBE	Instructional Pla (4 indicators)	nning	2.0	Y
	assessment.	Instruction (5 indicators)		2.0	Y
	For each FBE cohort (elementary &	Learning Enviro (3 indicators)	onment	2.0	Y
	secondary/all level), a minimum average of 1.5 will be indicated for each domain.	The elementary standards in all		the program perfo	ormance

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

	The T-TESS evaluation system is aspirational, proficient being an expected rating for	2023 TEP Cohort- Seco FBE Semester 2 (fall 20		All Level (r	i=12)	
	experienced teachers. Therefore, the UIW Teacher Education Program expectation for	Domain		nain Rating bhort Mean	: Me	et Standard
	teacher candidates' FBE early teaching performance will be rated between needs	Instructional Planning (4 indicators)	(1.51)	1.9		Y
	improvement and developing by the culmination of field-based experiences.	Instruction (5 indicators)		2.0		Y
	Rating categories include:	Learning Environment (3 indicators)		2.0		Y
	<ul> <li>Developing (2.0)</li> <li>Needs Improvement (1.0)</li> <li>NA</li> </ul>	The secondary/all level of standards in all three do		et the prog	ram per	formance
<ul> <li>Professional Disposition Assessment (1f)</li> <li>Completed by the Field-Based</li> </ul>	For each FBE cohort (elementary & secondary/all level), a minimum of 75% of the	2023 TEP Cohort- Elem FBE Semester 2 (fall 20		(n=15)		
Experience Classroom Teacher	teacher candidates will be rated a 4.0 for each			ment 1	Plac	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+
		Professionalism	5.0	100%	4.9	100%
	NOTE: Elementary candidates complete two placements in the semester; secondary/all	Communication Content & Pedagogy	4.8	100% 100%	4.7	93% 87%
	level candidates complete one placement.	Cultural & Social Responsiveness	5.0	100%	4.3	100%
		Health & Wellness	4.9	100%	4.9	100%
		Reflective Practice	4.8	100%	4.5	93%
		The elementary cohort m standards in all six doma	•	• ·		

		2023 TEP Cohort- Second FBE Semester 2 (fall 2023		2)
			Cohort Percentage at Mean 4.0	
			4.8 100%	
		Communication	4.8 100%	1
		Content & Pedagogy	4.7 100%	
		Cultural & Social Responsiveness	4.8 100%	
		Health & Wellness	4.9 100%	
		Reflective Practice	4.6 100%	
Clinical Teaching Summative Evaluation	For each evaluation (T-TESS) domain, a	The secondary/all level col standards in all six domain 2023-2024 Clinical Teach	S.	n performance
Completed collaboratively by the Cooperating Teacher & UIW Supervisor	minimum average of 2.5 will be indicated for each domain. The T-TESS evaluation system is aspirational, proficient being an expected	Evaluation Domain	F 2023 Domain Rating: Cohort Mean (n=2)	SP 2024 Domain Rating: Cohort Mean (n=11)
	rating for experienced teachers. Therefore,			ince Standard)
	the UIW Teacher Education Program expects	Domain 1: Planning	3.3	3.5
	novice teachers will be developing-proficient	Domain 2: Instruction	3.2	3.3
	by the culmination of clinical teaching.	Domain 3: Learning Environm	nent 3.5	3.4
	Rating categories include:	Domain 4: Professional Practices & Responsibilities	3.2	3.6
	<ul><li>Accomplished (4.0)</li><li>Proficient (3.0)</li></ul>	Domain 5: Supporting Studen with Disabilities	ts 3.0	3.1
	<ul><li>Developing (2.0)</li><li>Improvement Needed (1.0)</li></ul>	Domain 6: Supporting Emerging Bilingual Students	Ν	3.1
	<ul> <li>Not Observed (N)</li> </ul>	The 2023-2024 elementary performance standards in a		et the program

s-Secondary/All Level	2023-2024 Clinical Teachers-Secondary/All Level			
F 2023SP 2024Domain Rating: Cohort Mean (n=2)Domain Rating: Cohort Mean (n=7)	Evaluation Domain			
(2.5 Performance Standard)				
3.2 3.2	Domain 1: Planning			
2.8 3.3	Domain 2: Instruction			
nt 3.0 3.6	Domain 3: Learning Environment			
3.6 3.7	Oomain 4: Professional			
	actices & Responsibilities			
3.3 3.3	main 5: Supporting Students			
	rith Disabilities			

## 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		
5 5	A minimum of 75% of new teachers will	New Teacher Satisfaction Survey		
	respond that they were sufficiently prepared or well prepared.	Survey Category Sufficiently or Well Prepared		
	NOTE: The Texas Education Agency's	Planning 73%		
	performance standard is 70% of new teachers	Instruction 82%		
	responding that they were sufficiently prepared or well prepared by the EPP.	Learning Environment 82%		
		Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities 91%		
		Students with Disabilities 73%		
		Emerging Bilinguals 91%		
		Overall Evaluation of the First-Year Teacher55% Sufficiently Prepared 45% Well Prepared		

		ca all	UIW's performance standard of 75% was met in four of the six categories. The TEA performance standard of 70% was met in all six categories. 100% of first-year teachers indicated they felt sufficiently or well prepared overall.		
Texas Education Agency	A minimum of 75% of principals will respond that the first-year teachers were sufficiently prepared or well prepared.		Principal Survey		
Principal Survey of the Preparation of First-Year Teachers (2023-2024 First-Year Teachers)		6	Survey Category	Sufficiently or Well Prepared	
	NOTE: The Texas Education Agency's		Planning	72%	
	performance standard is 70% of new teachers		Instruction	61%	
	are rated as sufficiently prepared or well prepared by the EPP.		Learning Environment	72%	
			Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities	72%	
			Students with Disabilities	69%	
			Emerging Bilinguals	92%	
			Overall Evaluation of the First-Year Teacher	61% Sufficiently Prepared 17% Well Prepared	
		cat fou	IW's performance standard of 75% v ategories. The TEA performance sta our of the six categories. 78% of prin e first-year teachers were sufficiently	ndard of 70% was met in cipals indicated they felt	

## 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 2023-2024 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. As one of 24 partners (as of fall 2024), 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. In the spring of 2024, five UIW teacher candidates were selected as Charles Butt Scholars.

#### UIW Teacher Network Data Collection Processes

The Induction Coordinator and Teacher Education Department Director identified a goal of increasing response rates for the principal and new teacher surveys (of first-year teachers). The Induction Coordinator sent targeted emails to explain the importance and purpose of the surveys, provided response guidance, and requested participation. The response rates increased substantially. The survey results were made available on October 31, 2024. Beginning in the fall of 2024 and extending to the spring of 2025, the Induction Coordinator will contact each principal who submitted lower ratings to learn more about support needs to inform our induction efforts.

Principal Survey							
	Number of	Number of	Response Rate				
	First-Year	Responses					
	Teachers	_					
2023-2024	21	18	86%				
2022-2023	30	18	60%				

New Teacher Survey						
	Number of First-Year Teachers	Number of Responses	Response Rate			
2023-2024	21	11	52%			
2022-2023	30	8	27%			

#### Shared Professional Development

The UIW Teacher Education faculty are committed to program alignment efforts, cross-course connections, and shared professional development. In 2023-2024, the following professional development events were held:

August 4, 2023: "Positive Behavior Principles: Shifting Perspectives and Aligning Practices in Schools" was presented by Dan St. Domain, Educational Consultant.

• This UIW Teacher Network Professional Development event 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, faculty, and the community.

September 11, 2023: "Culturally Responsive Teaching" was presented by Dr. Keffrelyn Brown, University of Texas at Austin Endowed Professor.

• This professional development event was conducted in two half-day sessions. The first session was provided for all Dreeben School of Education faculty (Teacher Education and Graduate Studies), and addressed what we, as instructors, need to know and do as we continue to improve integrating culturally responsive teaching practices across the curriculum and in our own teaching. The second session was offered as a shared learning experience with our teacher candidates and faculty and was focused on K-12 implications.

February 24, 2024: "Building Relationships Through Cultural Lenses" was presented by Scott Baughman, YMCA Vice President of Organizational Development

• Participants focused on cultivating cultural inclusivity and interactions, learning how cultural background impacts human behavior patterns. This event was open to our current students, graduates, faculty, and the community.

#### Teacher Education Recruitment Plan

The Teacher Education Department faculty responded to enrollment challenges by establishing a Recruitment and Retention Task Force. In 2022-2023, this group began their work by meeting with university representatives from admissions, advising, enrollment management, and public relations. In 2023-2024, 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.
- A program update meeting was held with UIW academic advisors, athletic advisors, and admissions representatives to provide updates and program highlights helpful for recruiting and academic support.