

**UHS Northwest Campus
Executive Summary
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Background:

The northwest region of the Houston metropolitan area is among the largest underserved regions in the state relative to access to baccalaureate and master's degrees offered by senior-level institutions. Over 1.5 million live in the region with almost 250,000 enrolled in regional school districts. In an effort to extend access to higher education, the University of Houston System, the Texas A&M System, the Texas State System and Texas Southern University have agreed on "Principles and Procedures for Developing Public Higher Education in Northwest Houston" that provides guidelines for establishing upper-division and graduate programs in the region to serve the needs of students transferring from the region's community colleges, including Lone Star College and Houston Community College.

Proposed Academic Programs:

The University of Houston and University of Houston-Downtown propose to offer undergraduate degrees in business, humanities, social sciences, teacher education, criminal justice and technology. Proposed graduate degrees will include educational administration, teaching, human resource development and project management. The specific degrees to be offered by each respective institution will be developed and included in the final proposal to the BOR in April.

Facilities:

UHS proposes to lease a facility from Lone Star College (LSC) in the SH 249 corridor. The facility would be co-located with LSC in order to maximize the transfer of students into UHS programs and to leverage efficiencies offered through shared services.

Next Steps:

The System Vice Chancellors and the President or Provost from TSU will meet in mid-February to review all university proposals for the purpose of resolving any issues related to program duplication. If programmatic issues are resolved in a timely fashion, it is our intent to submit the final proposal to the BOR in April and then to the Coordinating Board.