## Debbie Bartosh Rodriguez Program Specialist Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Debbie Rodriguez joined the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in May 2010 as the program specialist on the Communications and Tuning Texas Team for the Lumina grant project.

Prior to joining the Coordinating Board, Ms. Rodriguez spent over thirty years in public schools, eighteen of those as a high school counselor before retiring from the position of Lead Counselor at Round Rock High School in 2008. For several years before moving from Houston to Austin, she worked concurrently as a part-time counselor at San Jacinto College in Houston where she also taught evening classes in the Continuing Education division. After retirement from public school service, she began state service at the Texas Education Agency in the division of Program Monitoring and Interventions.

Ms. Rodriguez earned a Master of Science in Counseling from the University of Houston – Clear Lake in 1990. She completed the additional coursework, internship, and testing requirements for state licensure through the Texas State Board of Examiners for Professional Counselors as a Licensed Professional Counselor in 1991. She then went on to earn national certification as a counselor and school counselor through the National Board for Certified Counselors in 1992. She completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1978 from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire.