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  - Self-care
  - Physical therapy
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### SPECIAL SERVICES CONTINUED
- CAMPUS & COMMUNITY
  - Mixers, events, and continued access to Career Center
  - Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni events, professional mixers, events and continued access to Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
  - Attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc.
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    - Startup a Project
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    - Attend a Community Event
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    - Participate in a Community Service Project
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    - Join a Student Organization
    - Attend a Campus Event
    - Participate in a Campus Program
    - Attend a Workshops, Symposium, or Conference
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**Additional Info**

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**Contact Info**

Specialization Coordinators:
- Early Childhood Specialization: Dr. Irasema Gonzalez, irasema.gonzalez@utrgv.edu
- Special Education Specialization: Mrs. Julia Pecina, julia.pecina@utrgv.edu
- Bilingual Education Specialization: Dr. Zulmaris Diaz, zulmaris.diaz@utrgv.edu
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- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, on campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help.
- Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.

### CAREERS
- \*Teaching:
  - Pre-school
  - Elementary
  - Middle
  - Secondary
- \*Administration:
  - Principal
  - Superintendent
- \*Special services:
  - Reading
  - Title 1
  - Guidance counseling
  - School psychology
  - School social work
  - Occupational therapy
  - Physical therapy
  - Audiology and speech pathology
  - Library/Information services
- Special services continued:
  - Special education
  - Career/Technical education
  - Self-Enrichment
  - English as a second language
  - Curriculum supervision
  - Subject area supervision
- Tutoring services
- Test preparation

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out “What Can I Do With This Major?” www.utrgv.edu/careercenter.