TO PREPARE HIGHLY SKILLED PROFESSIONALS TO ASSUME ROLES AND POSITIONS IN TEACHING, RESEARCH, EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF CHILDREN IN ELEMENTARY SETTINGS.
## Blueprint Experiences

### First Year

- Make it a point to visit them!
- Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.
- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
- Shot for a GPA of 3.0
- Take MATH 1414 in your first year.
- Stay informed via BBL PATH (Pre-Admission Teacher Hub) and REMIND text messages.
- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Choose a major with confidence - Visit my.utrgv.edu and check out My Majors!
- Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.
- Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.
- Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.
- Look for a service-learning course like EDPR 2301! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
- Ask a student in class to study with you.
- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through my.utrgv.edu.
- Provide volunteer service to community organizations, or schools.
- Attend a departmental program.
- Join a student organization! Consider BESO, Pi Delta Kappa, Student Council for Exceptional Children, or visit Vlink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.
- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.
- Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on Handshake!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger.
- Check out the College of Education and P-16 Integration website for postings on career/graduate school www.utrgv.edu/cep.
- Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks’ advance notice!
- When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!
- How did you receive your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc.

### Second Year

- Visit my.utrgv.edu
- Complete major foundation classes. Visit www.utrgv.edu/cop and click “Educator Preparation & Accountability” for more info.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Apply to the Teacher Education Program prior to the application deadline.
- Substitute teach.
- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.
- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.
- Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available.
- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the Leadershape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholars Symposium.
- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to Italy!
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization. Visit Vlink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch - bring a friend!
- Update your resume in Handshake and have it reviewed.
- Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.
- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.

### Third Year

- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- You must have at least a 2.75 GPA.
- Look for a GPA of 3.0
- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as Association of Teacher Educators.
- Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.
- Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.
- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Sharpen your writing skills! Visit the Writing Center or become the secretary for your Student Government Association.
- Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Avoid Vlink if you speak or visit your Student Government Association for more information!
- Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Teach for a GPA of 3.0
- Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship to complement your major, such as Clinical Teaching.
- Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.
- Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.

### Fourth Year and Beyond

- I have a plan for after graduation. If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Register for your Capstone/ Senior/ portfolio project: Clinical Teaching.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for full-time employment.
- Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship to complement your major, such as Clinical Teaching.
- Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.
- Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.
- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Submit an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.
- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, at 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.
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.

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### Milestones

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

### Advice & Support

- **ADVISE & SUPPORT**
  - 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

### Apply What You Learn

- **APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN**

### Life After Graduation

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