Progression requirements
For teacher certification, students must apply for admission and be accepted to the College of Education and P-16 Integration prior to enrolling in teacher certification courses, except for EDFR 2301 which is open to all students.

Graduation requirements
In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2018-2019 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.

Degree Info
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.
FOURTH YEAR

Principal
Reading
Special education
Guidance counseling
bring a friend!

EDFR 2301
Test preparation
Handshake!

Special services:
Library/Information
School psychology
Physical therapy

Middle
Superintendent
Visit my.UTRGV.edu
Teaching:
School social work
website for postings on
Subject area supervision
Elementary
MyMajors

Special services continued:
English as a second
Secondary

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MILESTONES

FIRST YEAR

- UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. 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.
- Shoot 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 MyMajors!
- 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 EDFR 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.

SECOND YEAR

- 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 Leadership Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar 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.
- Check out the College of Education and P-16 Integration website for postings on career/graduate school www.utrgv.edu/cop.
- 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 applications!

THIRD YEAR

- You must have at least a 2.75 GPA.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- 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 Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!
- Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities!
- Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.

FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND

- Have you received 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.
- Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.

APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Provide volunteer service to community organizations, or schools.
- Attend a departmental program.
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- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: [My.UTRGV.edu].
- List summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.
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LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Set up 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.
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CAREERS

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• Administration: o Principal o Superintendent

• Special services: o Reading o Title 1 o Guidance counseling o School psychology o School social work o Occupational therapy o Physical therapy o Audiology and speech pathology o Library/Information services

• Special services continued: o Special education o Career/Technical education o Self-Enrichment o English as a second language o Curriculum supervision o 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