

## FIRST YEAR

Choose 1 Communication  
 Choose 1 Creative Arts  
 Choose 1 Mathematics  
 Choose 1 American History  
 Choose 1 Integrative & Experiential Learning  
 UNIV 1301 Learning Framework  
 Choose 1 Communication  
 Choose 1 American History  
 Choose 1 General Psychology  
 PHIL 1310 Ethics, Happiness, & the Good Life  
 Choose 1 Free Elective # 1

## SECOND YEAR

Choose 1 Integrative & Experiential Learning  
 REHS 2301 Introduction to Rehabilitation  
 Choose 1 Life & Physical Science # 1  
 Choose 1 Government/Political Science  
 Choose 1 Free Elective # 2  
 Choose 1 Life & Physical Science # 2  
 ASLI 1310 American Sign Language I  
 REHS 3320 Family and Disability  
 Choose 1 Government/Political Science  
 Choose 1 Free Elective # 3

## THIRD YEAR

ASLI 1320 American Sign Language II  
 REHS 3325 Medical Aspects of Disability I  
 REHS 3303 Case Management I  
 Choose 1 Free Elective # 4  
 REHS 4315 Psychological and Social Aspects of Deafness  
 REHS 3315 Hearing Disorders & Assistive Tech.  
 REHS 3330 Medical Aspects of Disability II  
 REHS 4301 Assessment in Human Services  
 REHS 3335 Sign Language III  
 REHS 4310 Rehabilitation Research

## FOURTH YEAR

REHS 3311 Disability Policy and Advocacy  
 REHS 4302 Job Placement  
 REHS 4303 Case Management II  
 REHS 4330 Practicum I  
 REHS 4335 Sign Language IV  
 REHS 4360 Assistive Tech. in Rehabilitation  
 REHS 4602 Practicum II  
 Choose 1 Free Elective # 5  
 Choose 1 Free Elective # 6

Courses in red are part of the General Education Core Curriculum (GEC).  
 "Choose 1" indicates course options. If options are not listed, please review the General Education Core or the degree plan for this major.  
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### 2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN

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REHABILITATION SERVICES- DEAF  
 STUDIES (BS)  
 Catalog: 2019-20  
 COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

### Degree Info

The field of rehabilitation is dedicated to assisting individuals, primarily adults, with disabilities to live full and independent lives. Graduates of the B.S. program are prepared to enter a wide-range of entry-level careers in rehabilitative and human services. Graduates are also prepared academically to continue into graduate studies in rehabilitation counseling and other related majors. The undergraduate degree places special emphasis in hands-on, experiential learning which is integrated into all course work. The educational experience culminates in a 360 hour practicum in an approved community setting.

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### Additional Info

- REHS 3303: Case Management I must be passed with a "C" or better
- REHS 4330: Practicum I must be passed with a "C" or better – REHS 4330 must be taken prior to REHS 4602. This course requires program approval – must be advised by program faculty – must be concentration specific
- REHS 4602: Practicum II must be taken final semester of program (study). This courses requires program approval- must be advised by program faculty – must be concentration specific
- REHS 3315: Hearing Disorders & Assistive Technology and REHS 3335: Sign Language III are only offered in Spring term
- REHS 4315: Psychological-Social Aspects of Deafness and REHS 4335: Sign Language IV are only offered in Fall term
- Program requires a GPA of 2.4 or better



# BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

## FIRST YEAR

## SECOND YEAR

## THIRD YEAR

## FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND

### MILESTONES

- 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 2.4 or better.
- Take required MATH in your first year.

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- Complete major foundation classes. .
- Complete 30 credit hours.

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- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.

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- "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.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.

### ADVICE & SUPPORT

- 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.

- 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

- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization.
- 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.

- Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship to complement your major.
- 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.

### APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

- Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
- Ask a student in class to study with you.

- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.

- 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 organization.

- 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.

### GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Attend a departmental program. .
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into Deaf Rehab Club or DEAF Foundation or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to the United Kingdom; Scotland & London.
- 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!

- 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 at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.

- 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.

### LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- 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- locate and attend one student workshop.

- 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 [utrgv.edu/rehab-counseling](http://utrgv.edu/rehab-counseling) department website for postings on career/graduate school.
- 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!

- 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](http://studentloans.gov).

## CAREERS

- Case Management
- Advocacy
- Program Planning and Evaluation
- Policy Development
- Rehabilitation
- Research
- Community residential homes
- State and local agencies:
  - Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment programs
  - One-Stop career centers
- Medical facilities
- Mental health organizations
- Schools
- Colleges/universities
- Employment agencies

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" [www.utrgv.edu/careercenter](http://www.utrgv.edu/careercenter)