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| **FRESHMAN** | - Complete STAT 1380 and other core courses recommended for your degree plan.  
- Focus on English, Math, and Science courses.  
- Take at least 15 credit hours each semester, and 3 to 6 credit hours during the Summer term. | - Participate in New Student Orientation.  
- Meet with your Academic Advising Center Freshman Advisor before registration.  
- Ask your Advisor about the COED recommended core courses for your degree plan. | - Join the Texas State Teachers Association.  
- Explore the American Federation of Teachers, the Bilingual Education Student Organization (BESO), Chi Sigma Iota, and Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education (KDPI).  
- Discover the world with a Study Abroad course. |
| **SOPHOMORE** | - Take MATH 2303, PSCI 2303 and PSCI 2303 as early as possible as well as remaining recommended core courses.  
- Continue to focus on English, Math, and Science courses.  
- Take at least 15 credit hours each semester, and 3 to 6 credit hours during the Summer term. | - Look out for Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Workshop invitations in your UTEP email.  
- Schedule an appointment with your CSS Advisor to submit your EPP application once you meet the EPP application requirements.  
- Submit all Observation Forms to your CSS Advisor. | - Engage in test preparation/professional development workshops. Check UTEP email and the CSS Events Calendar to learn about these opportunities.  
- Ask Education faculty for guidance on finding a mentor in the teaching field.  
- Explore community involvement opportunities in your field with the Center for Civic Engagement. |
| **JUNIOR** | - Select an emphasis (EC-6 or 4-8) and complete prerequisite upper-division courses such as BED 4343. | - Meet with your CSS Advisor after admission into the Educator Preparation Program (EPP) to plan for state exams.  
- After admission, attend a Post-Admission Workshop to learn about EPP requirements, Student Teaching application requirements, and registration.  
- Maintain a clean record. Student Teaching requires a criminal background check.  
- Submit all Observation and Reflection Forms to the CSS. | - Engage in unique hands-on experience with methods COED courses taught at local K-12 schools. Check UTEP email to learn about these opportunities.  
- Expand your community engagement efforts with Project MOVE.  
- Explore career opportunities with the DOD and Peace Corps.  
- Participate in mock interviews and resume reviews. |
| **SENIOR** | - Ensure that you qualify for Student Teaching (ST) by completing all degree plan courses and state exams. ST will be your only course during your final semester. | - Meet with your CSS Advisor at the beginning of the year to discuss Student Teaching (ST) application requirements and verify completion of all degree plan courses.  
- Apply for ST once you have passed your state exams and completed the semester prior to your graduation term.  
- Apply to ST by May 31 to complete ST in the Fall.  
- Apply to ST by October 31 to complete ST in the Spring. | - Prepare for remaining qualifying exams.  
- Take state exams promptly after passing qualifying exams.  
- Research post-graduate professional and educational opportunities. |

**EDGE ADVANTAGES | UTEP students will graduate with these skills:**
- Leadership  
- Entrepreneurship  
- Communication  
- Critical Thinking  
- Global Awareness  
- Teamwork  
- Social Responsibility  
- Confidence
EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM (EPP) REQUIREMENTS

**Admission**
- Submit Application Packet to CSS Advisor.
- Complete the Communication, Mathematics, and Component Area Option portions of the Core Curriculum with a grade of “C” or better.
- Complete at least 60 semester credit hours.
- Have a minimum cumulative UTEP GPA of 2.75.
- Pass the THEA or TSI.
- File a degree plan with a program advisor.
- Submit 3 Recommendation Rating Forms (RRF).
- Complete the EPP Application.

**Testing**
- Pass the Content and Pedagogy and Professional Responsibility (PPR) Qualifying Exam.
- Pass the Required Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES). You have five attempts to pass each of the TExES.

**Observation Hours**
- Prior to Student Teaching, you must complete 30 hours of observation. Some of your courses will include this field experience component. For those courses:
  - Complete an Observation Form.
  - Submit the Observation Form to your CSS advisor upon completion of the course.

**Student Teaching**
- Complete all degree coursework and testing prior to applying to Student Teaching. Apply online during your second-to-last semester.
- Pass fingerprint/background check with a Social Security Number.

**Notes**

☐ Create a Job Mine account.
☐ Check in with your advisor.
☐ Review your degree plan to stay on track.
☐ Attend a financial literacy workshop.
☐ Visit the Student Engagement & Leadership Center (SELC).