



	YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE	ACADEMIC ADVISING	ENRICHING EXPERIENCES	LIFELONG SUCCESS
FRESHMAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete STAT 1380 and other core courses recommended for your degree plan.</li> <li>Focus on English, Math, and Science courses.</li> <li>Take at least 15 credit hours each semester (if possible), and 3 to 6 credit hours during the Summer term.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in New Student Orientation.</li> <li>Meet with your Academic Advising Center Freshman Advisor before registration.</li> <li>Ask your Advisor about the COED recommended core courses for your degree plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join the Texas State Teachers Association.</li> <li>Explore the American Federation of Teachers, Creating Light in the Classrooms K-8 (CLICK), and the Bilingual Education Student Organization.</li> <li>Discover the world with a Study Abroad course.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strive for high grades. The Educator Preparation Program (EPP) requires a minimum GPA of 2.75 for admission.</li> <li>Take the THEA exam as early as possible if you did not pass all areas of the TSI. The EPP requires that you have passed either of these exams.</li> <li>Discover tutoring resources.</li> <li>Visit the University Career Center and develop your CV and resume.</li> </ul>
SOPHOMORE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take MATH 2303, PSCI 2303, remaining recommended core courses, and remaining 1000- and 2000-level courses.</li> <li>Continue to focus on English, Math, and Science courses.</li> <li>Take at least 15 credit hours each semester, and 3 to 6 credit hours during the Summer term.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in a group Registration Workshop to receive information about BIS requirements and EPP application requirements.</li> <li>Schedule an appointment with your CSS Advisor to submit your EPP application once you meet the EPP application requirements.</li> <li>Submit all Observation Forms to your CSS Advisor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage in test preparation/professional development workshops. Check UTEP email and the CSS Events Calendar to learn about these opportunities.</li> <li>Ask Education faculty for guidance on finding a mentor in the teaching field.</li> <li>Explore community involvement opportunities in your field with the Center for Civic Engagement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare for interviews by recording special projects, campus involvement, field experience, and lesson plans for your portfolio.</li> </ul>
JUNIOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete prerequisite upper-division courses after admission into the Educator Preparation Program (EPP): BED 4338 is a prerequisite for RED 4341, and BED 4343 is a prerequisite for three other courses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with your CSS Advisor after admission into the Educator Preparation Program (EPP) to plan for qualifying and state exams.</li> <li>Attend a Group Registration Workshop to learn about BIS and EPP requirements, Student Teaching application requirements, and registration.</li> <li>Maintain a clean record. Student Teaching requires a criminal background check.</li> <li>Submit all Observation Forms to your CSS Advisor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage in a unique hands-on experience with methods COED courses taught at local K-12 schools. Check UTEP email to learn about these opportunities.</li> <li>Expand your community engagement efforts with Project MOVE.</li> <li>Explore career opportunities with the DOD and Peace Corps.</li> <li>Participate in mock interviews and resume reviews.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare for qualifying exams once accepted into the Education Preparation Program (EPP).</li> <li>Take state exams promptly after passing qualifying exams.</li> <li>Research post-graduate professional and educational opportunities.</li> </ul>
SENIOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with your CSS Advisor at the beginning of the year to discuss ST application requirements and verify completion of all degree plan courses.</li> <li>Apply for ST once you have passed your state exams and completed the semester prior to your graduation term.</li> <li>Apply to ST by March 30 to complete ST in the Fall.</li> <li>Apply to ST by October 30 to complete ST in the Spring.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend the CSS and district Student Teaching Orientations once accepted into ST.</li> <li>Immerse yourself in Student Teaching, and stand out by volunteering for activities outside of the classroom.</li> <li>Participate in the ABC Conference.</li> <li>Engage with your field through diverse COED seminars.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore career opportunities at the Teacher Job Fair.</li> <li>Participate in a Graduation Workshop.</li> <li>Increase your marketability with school districts by taking additional state certification exams.</li> </ul>

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**EDGE ADVANTAGES | UTEP students will graduate with these skills:**

- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Entrepreneurship
- Social Responsibility
- Confidence
- Global Awareness
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking



## 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.

### Checklist for success

- 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).

### 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.

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