

FIRST YEAR		MIDDLE YEARS	LAST YEARS
<b>ADVANCE</b> your academic journey	<p>Meet with a <a href="#">First Year Advisor</a> to develop your academic planning.</p> <p>Revisit the <a href="#">Educator Preparation Program (EPP)</a> to understand requirements and meet important deadlines.</p> <p>Join the <a href="#">Pre-Teachers Living and Learning Community</a> to experience your first year with peers.</p> <p>Bookmark your <a href="#">Teacher Certification Handbook</a>.</p>	<p>Meet with the <a href="#">College of Education Advising office</a> for questions about your major.</p> <p>Share your knowledge as a <a href="#">Peer Mentor</a> or <a href="#">Tutor at SLAC</a>.</p> <p>Explore external scholarship opportunities such as the <a href="#">Fulbright</a> Scholarship to take your expertise to unique locations abroad.</p> <p>Meet with a faculty mentor to select an undergraduate research opportunity.</p>	<p>Check your Degree Audit &amp; meet with your academic advisor.</p> <p>Meet with a faculty mentor or peer advisor.</p> <p>Complement your degree with a <a href="#">micro credential</a>.</p>
<b>EXPAND</b> your personal and social development	<p>Build social networks by joining <a href="#">student organizations within the Department of Curriculum and Instruction</a>.</p> <p>Find additional events and organizations through the <a href="#">Bobcat Organization HUB</a>.</p> <p>Review your degree plan for courses that include the <a href="#">Service-Learning Excellence</a> program.</p>	<p>Expand your leadership skills through <a href="#">Student Involvement's Leadership &amp; Service</a> programming and workshops</p> <p>Participate in <a href="#">The Big Event</a> to give back to the regional community.</p> <p>Attend a <a href="#">Student Government</a> Senate meeting to contribute to your fellow students and your own student experience.</p> <p>Attend a <a href="#">Nonprofit and Volunteer Fair</a> from <a href="#">Student Involvement</a> to jump into meaningful service in TXST's community.</p> <p>Consider study abroad options including faculty-led, exchange, virtual, and short-term affiliated programs which are available through <a href="#">Education Abroad</a>.</p>	<p>Select a service activity through <a href="#">Student Involvement</a> to give back to the area community</p> <p>Seek out a <a href="#">leadership role</a> with the Leadership &amp; Service program.</p> <p>Attend a <a href="#">Student Government</a> Senate meeting to contribute to the TXST community.</p>
<b>ENRICH</b> your practical competence	<p>Explore the <a href="#">TXST One Stop</a> for more information about the scholarships provided to new and continuing students.</p> <p>Consider applying for the <a href="#">Charles Butt Scholarship for Aspiring Teachers</a>.</p> <p>Attend an <a href="#">IDEA Center</a> workshop to learn more about undergraduate research.</p> <p>Take advantage of the <a href="#">Student Learning Assistance Center</a> (Tutoring).</p>	<p>Learn more about the <a href="#">TExES and PPR exam requirements</a>, including their purpose, timelines, and how they impact eligibility for clinical teaching and yearlong residency progression.</p> <p>Learn the <a href="#">Field Experience (Blocks)</a> purpose, structure, and how it fulfills TEA requirements through immersive, hands-on classroom observation before participation.</p> <p>Learn about <a href="#">teacher residency requirements</a>.</p> <p>Explore careers in education by joining <a href="#">Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE)</a>, where you can develop leadership skills and participate in activities like tutoring, fundraising, and community service through the TRAFLES framework.</p>	<p>Complete the <a href="#">Clinical Teaching</a> assignment.</p> <p>Deliver a presentation in a student conference, workshop, seminar or community organization.</p> <p>Review <a href="#">next steps on the Office of Educator Preparation</a> website.</p>
<b>ELEVATE</b> your career and professional life	<p>Develop and review your <a href="#">resume</a> with Career Services.</p> <p>Create your <a href="#">Handshake</a> profile.</p> <p>Create your <a href="#">LinkedIn</a> profile and connect with colleagues and leaders.</p> <p>Complete your <a href="#">Career Assessments</a>, such as Focus2.</p>	<p>Develop your <a href="#">resume</a> with the help of the professionals at <a href="#">Career Services</a></p> <p>Build <a href="#">Career &amp; Graduate School Fairs</a> into your schedule to ensure your connection maximum opportunities.</p> <p>Prepare to <a href="#">ace your job interviews</a> with Career Services or your academic department.</p>	<p>Learn more about the <a href="#">Standard Teaching Certificate</a>, including the application process, requirements for eligibility, and how it ensures high educator preparation. This certificate is valid for five years and must be renewed, and candidates must apply for issuance after completing the Educator Preparation Program.</p> <p>Complete your <a href="#">First Destination Survey</a> to share your post-graduation plans.</p> <p>Identify and establish faculty and professional references.</p>

## OUTCOMES

### Marketable Skills

Think critically

Analyze and solve problems

Communicate clearly and effectively

Assess learning and performance

Collaborate with colleagues and stakeholders

Demonstrate conflict resolution and patience

Make decisions based on complex social, cultural, behavioral, and academic information and data

[See more marketable skills for this major.](#)

### Career Opportunities

Special education teacher

School program director

Community education director

School administrator

Instructional coordinator

Test developer

Curriculum designer

Reading or math specialist

### Experiences in Education (Special Education)

Teachers and teacher leaders for all levels (early childhood through grade twelve) complete the bachelor of science degree in education. Teacher certification in all-level special education provides training in general education core curriculum as well as courses in subject matter areas known as blocks: English as a second language, high school field-based curriculum, elementary field-based curriculum, and student teaching. Students may participate in faculty-led study abroad or Study in America trips, learn with peers in Living and Learning Communities, develop a professional community at networking events, or join student organizations for a well-rounded experience.