

## MAJOR MAP

### WHO WE ARE



- The Elementary Education licensure track prepares highly qualified K-5 teacher candidates to teach in public and private schools in Tennessee and across the nation
- In addition, teacher candidates pursuing this path are also eligible for the English as a Second Language teaching endorsement.
- Professional education courses are delivered online and in person with clinical placements in Metro Nashville Public Schools and surrounding counties.

### CAREER OUTCOMES:

- K-5 Classroom Teacher
- English as a Second Language Teacher
- Instructional Coach
- Professional Tutor
- Educational Consultant

### AREAS OF STUDY:

Students who are interested in Education, but not in teaching in a public school may pursue the Education minor.



### What skills will students learn throughout this program?

- Understand and apply learning theories and research-based best practices.
- Plan and teach differentiated lesson plans
- Use assessment data to drive instructional decisions
- Implement trauma-informed discipline practices
- Use technology for communication and collaboration
- Use technology for instruction and assessment
- Collaborate with peer teachers and colleagues

### WHAT SKILLS ARE YOUR FUTURE EMPLOYERS LOOKING FOR?

- Pedagogical Knowledge
- Classroom Management
- Curriculum Development
- Technology Proficiency
- Communication Skills
- Cultural Competence
- Special Education Knowledge
- Assessment and Data Analysis
- Professional Development
- Leadership Skills
- Problem-Solving



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# Undergraduate Experiential Major Map: Elementary Education



## First Year/Freshman

- Complete your Handshake Profile.
- Complete your four-year educational plan in UNIV 1000 during the fall semester.
- Focus on your studies and earn good grades.
- Visit the [Office of Student Success \(OSS\)](#) and connect with your advisor for help navigating college life and your classes. Make an appointment using the student planner app and view the OSS page for other hours and services.
- First Generation students connect with your [First Generational Specialist](#).
- Get to know professors. The best time to connect outside of class is during their office hours.
- Visit the [Academic Achievement and Retention Center](#) for access to study tips, connecting to academic coaches, tutoring, and other helpful resources.
- Attend the Career Fair (Sponsored by the [Career Development Center](#))
- Get involved - Attend organizational fairs, special/corporate events, and volunteer on and off campus.

## Sophomore & Junior

- Update your resume and remove high school activities. Have it critiqued by the [Career Development Center](#).
- Review and update LinkedIn and Handshake profiles.
- Attend the Career Fair (Sponsored by the [Career Development Center](#))
- Explore graduate school options.
- Begin preparing for GRE, LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, and other exams for graduate school admissions.
- Begin building your professional wardrobe.
- Meet with your [departmental academic advisor](#) to confirm degree progress and discuss your future academic and career goals.
- Attend institutional and departmental internship workshops.

## Senior

- Meet with your [departmental academic advisor](#) to confirm degree progress and discuss your future academic and career goals.
- Apply for [Graduate and Professional School](#) or jobs that fit your interests, skills, and career goals. Follow up on applications and keep a record of the status of each.  
*\*pay attention to due dates*
- Draft a cover letter that can be adapted for a variety of employers. Have it critiqued.
- Complete the Senior Exit Exam and First Destination Survey. ([Testing Center](#))

## Academic Success Checklist

- Book an appointment with your academic advisor for pre-registration and advising.
- Discover library resources.
- Visit the math, reading, writing, and tutoring center.
- Complete FAFSA and academic scholarship applications.

## Educational Planning Checklist

- Ask your academic advisor about High Impact Practices
- Participate in at least two High Impact Practices at TSU
- Join a student group.

## Career Development Checklist

- Create your HandShake Profile.
- Visit [What Can I Do With This Major](#)
- Attend the career fair to expand your network.
- Attend Academic Department workshops and seminars.

### Think

Engaging in critical thinking and inquiry inside the classroom.

### Work

Pursue experiences that will allow you to grow as a leader and professional.

### Serve

Explore opportunities to contribute to the broader community and global marketplace.