### Educational Studies – Elementary Education | Bachelor of Arts

#### First Year (0-45 credits)

**EDUCATION**
- Explore [Educational Studies: Elementary Education](#) Webpage
- Meet with professors/Pre-Major Advisors
- Meet with teacher certification advisor for academic planning
- Consider taking the Career Exploration class [BISSKL 250](#)

**HANDS ON LEARNING**
- Participate in campus activities to build community and network with others
- Join a club or student government to build skills in leadership, communication, and working with diverse populations.
- Find volunteer opportunities with a local public elementary school - contact a school district office for volunteer forms/process

**CAREER PREPARATION**
- Make your first appointment with Career Services to develop your resume and LinkedIn profile
- Register for Handshake (UW’s free job & internship board) and complete your profile
- Conduct informational interviews with alumni and other industry professionals for career advice, job research, and discuss mentorship opportunities

#### 2nd & 3rd Years (45-135 credits)

**EDUCATION**
- Explore [faculty bio pages](#) and the undergraduate research database to find research opportunities and interview alumni about teaching as a career
- Participate in Community-Based Learning and Research (CBLR) coursework
- Meet with teacher certification advisor for academic planning and prepare for teacher certification program application

**HANDS ON LEARNING**
- Network with faculty, advisors, peers, & alumni in your major/career focus
- Attend career fairs/networking events
- Participate in campus operations by joining a committee like SAF, STF, or ISAB
- Complete volunteer hours in a local public elementary school to clarify career interests and meet application requirements

**CAREER PREPARATION**
- Update teaching resume with relevant academic coursework/projects and volunteer hours
- Schedule Mock Interviews with Career Services to prepare for student teaching placements
- Update LinkedIn/e-portfolio and Handshake profile with projects and accomplishments which highlight your skills
- Apply to Student Employment opportunities to gain experience and leadership

#### 4+ Years (135+ credits)

**EDUCATION**
- Complete student teaching placement and all certification requirements

**HANDS ON LEARNING**
- Practice your elevator speech and network with faculty, peers and alumni for post-graduation planning
- Join the UW Alumni Association and Husky Landing to stay connected and attend networking events
- Utilize LinkedIn Learning to develop and enhance skills
- Seek higher leadership role in club, on-campus job, or volunteer activity

**CAREER PREPARATION**
- Attend the Job Clinic for Teachers hosted by the School of Educational Studies
- Develop a list of academic references and recommenders
- Attend school district job fairs to explore opportunities
- Begin applying for jobs

#### Career Development Checklist
- Register on Handshake
- Develop Teaching Resume
- Build LinkedIn & Handshake profiles
- Network with alumni/ industry professionals
- Research skill requirements for the teaching profession
- Prepare for student teaching
- Practice mock interviews
- Develop list of references and recommenders

#### Employment Opportunities: K-5
- Elementary Teaching, Special Education, Teaching English as a Second/Other Language

#### Related Careers
- Teaching, Administration, Education Faculty

#### Licensing/certification: Certificate in Elementary Teaching, Special Education, Teaching English as a Second/Other Language

#### Post-Baccalaureate Degree
- Paths: Master of Education, Doctorate in Education

#### Companies who have hired on Handshake:
- Seattle Public Schools, Northshore School District, Lake Washington School District, Bellevue School District, and others!

#### Professional Associations:
- American Federation of Teachers, National Association of School Education, American Association for Employment in Education, Washington Education Association