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| Educational Studies – Elementary Education | Bachelor of Arts UW logo | | | | |
|  | 0-45 credits | 45-135 credits | 135+credits | **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 |
| EDUCATION  *What do I want to do?* | * Explore [Educational Studies: Elementary Education](https://www.uwb.edu/education/undergraduate/elementary-education) Webpage * Meet with [professors](https://www.uwb.edu/education/faculty-staff#faculty)/[Pre-Major Advisors](https://www.uwb.edu/premajor/academic-advising/advisors) * Meet with teacher certification advisor for academic planning * Consider taking the Career Exploration class [BISSKL 250](https://www.washington.edu/students/crscatb/bisskl.html) | * Explore the [Office of Connected Learning](https://www.uwb.edu/connected-learning/) to find research opportunities and interview faculty about teaching as a career * Participate in [Community-Engaged Learning and Research (CELR)](https://www.uwb.edu/connected-learning/celr) coursework * Meet with teacher certification advisor for academic planning and prepare for teacher certification program application | * Complete student teaching placement and all certification requirements |
| HANDS ON LEARNING  *What can I do to achieve my goals?* | * Participate in [campus activities](https://www.uwb.edu/sea/events) to build community and network with others * [Join a club or student government](https://www.uwb.edu/sea/getinvolved) 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 | * [Network](https://www.uwb.edu/career-services/resources/networking) with faculty, advisors, peers, & alumni in your major/career focus * Attend [career fairs/networking events](https://www.uwb.edu/career-services/events) * Participate in campus operations by joining a committee like [SAF](https://www.uwb.edu/sea/getinvolved) or [STF](https://www.uwb.edu/sea/getinvolved) * Complete volunteer hours in a local public elementary school to clarify career interests and meet application requirements | * Practice your [elevator speech](https://www.uwb.edu/career-services/resources/networking/elevator-speeches-pitches) and network with faculty, peers and alumni for post-graduation planning * Join the [UW Alumni Association and Husky Landing](https://www.uwb.edu/alumni) to find mentorship & networking opportunities * Utilize [LinkedIn Learning](https://careers.uw.edu/linkedin-learning/) to develop and enhance skills * Seek higher leadership role in club, on-campus job, or volunteer activity | **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 |
| CAREER PREPARATION  *How can I help myself get a job?* | * Make your [first appointment with Career Services](https://www.uwb.edu/career-services/appointments) to develop your resume and LinkedIn profile * Register for [Handshake](https://uw.joinhandshake.com/login) (UW’s free job & internship board) and complete your profile * Conduct [informational interviews](https://www.uwb.edu/career-services/resources/networking/career-conversations) with alumni and other industry professionals for career advice, job research, and mentorship opportunities | * Update [teaching resume](https://www.uwb.edu/career-services/wp-content/uploads/sites/41/2023/06/Education-UPDATED-2.docx) with relevant academic coursework/projects and volunteer hours * [Schedule Mock Interviews](https://www.uwb.edu/career-services/appointments) with Career Services to prepare for student teaching placements * Update [LinkedIn/e-portfolio](https://www.uwb.edu/career-services/resources/networking) and [Handshake](https://uw.joinhandshake.com/login) profile with projects and accomplishments which highlight your skills * Apply to [Student Employment](https://www.uwb.edu/hr/student/huskyhires) opportunities to gain experience and leadership | * Attend the Job Clinic for Teachers hosted by the School of Educational Studies * Develop a list of [academic references and recommenders](https://www.uwb.edu/career-services/resources/recommendation) * Attend school district job fairs to explore opportunities * Begin applying for jobs |

Additional Resources:

* For international students with questions about OPT/CPT, please see [International Student Services](https://www.uwb.edu/international-student-services).
* Feeling overwhelmed? Make an appointment with [Career Services](https://www.uwb.edu/career-services) for career-related support or with the [Counseling Center](https://www.uwb.edu/student-affairs/counseling) for mental health support.