Important Steps for T-PREP Undergraduate Residency Program Students @ Trinidad State

1. **Complete Interest form**
   - Connect with T-PREP Residency Coordinator, Claudia.Trujillo@ucdenver.edu, for guidance to identify the right institution to enroll in and your major.
   - Elementary (grades K-6)
   - Special Education (ages 5-21)
   - Early Childhood Education (ages 0-8)

   If you are beginning at Trinidad State, apply here: https://trinidadstate.edu/apply.

2. **Apply to CU Denver**
   - Work with recruiter, Chris Ricciardi (chris.ricciardi@ucdenver.edu) to select the right major, beginning term and submit your application.
     - Early Decision: November 1
     - Preferred Decision: April 1
     - Late decision: July 1
   - Transfer Application Link: https://bit.ly/TPREP_Transfer
   - Don’t delay! The earlier you apply, the better the chance you have to receive scholarship and financial aid!

3. **Background Check Assurance Form**
   - Work with the Residency Coordinator to complete this step.
   - The Background Check form lets the T-PREP program leaders know that you have completed the fingerprint process and Oath and Consent questions that are required to participate in field experiences. Cost: $39.50.

4. **Complete all of your clinical blocks, university core courses and select major courses**
   - Please be aware of minimum grade requirements for specific courses. Also admission to the Professional Year requires a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

5. **Apply for Professional Year (PY) Residency**
   - The process includes a written application, recommendations & interview.
     - Deadlines: April 1st for Fall PY Start
     - October 1 for Spring PY Start
   - Submit official transcripts from each institution where you have enrolled in courses since you became a CU Denver student.
   - BAMA: Use up to 9 credits from your bachelors towards a masters degree! Save money by completing graduate credits at the undergraduate tuition rate during your senior year that will count toward your BA and your MA degree credit hours. View BAMA options here: https://bit.ly/UCD_BAMA.

6. **Take the Praxis Content Exams**
   - The Praxis content exams must be completed before your 3rd Professional Year internship, except for the reading exam. It is in your best interest to take the exams early, in case you need to take it multiple times.
     - Access workshops and study resources through the SEHD Success Center.
     - Deadline: November 1 for Spring PY Start
     - April 1 for Fall PY Start

7. **Apply to graduate**
   - Look for communication from CU Denver about how to apply to graduate through your UCDAccess.
     - Deadlines: Census date of the semester you intend to graduate.

8. **Apply for your license through CDE**
   - Look for communication from CU Denver about how to apply for your teacher’s license with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).