

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



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## 1 Complete Interest form ([https://bit.ly/TPREP\\_Inquiry\\_Form](https://bit.ly/TPREP_Inquiry_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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/TPREP_Transfer)

Don't delay! The earlier you apply, the better the chance you have to receive scholarship and financial aid!

If you are an elementary major, speak with Claudia, the T-PREP Residency Coordinator, about adding the Culturally Linguistically Diverse endorsement to your license.

Contact **Chris Ricciardi** for a fee waiver code on the application.

Once admitted, you will attend orientation to get registered.

## 3 Background Check Assurance Form ([https://bit.ly/TPREP\\_Background](https://bit.ly/TPREP_Background))

**START FINGERPRINT PROCESS ASAP!!!**  
([https://bit.ly/TPREP\\_FP](https://bit.ly/TPREP_FP))

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 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall PY Start  
October 1 for Spring PY Start

**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](https://bit.ly/UCD_BAMA).

**Apply for Substitute License** through the Colorado Department of Education (<https://bit.ly/Sublicense>).

**Scholarships:** Apply for the \$4000 Colorado Rural Teaching Stipend through the Colorado Center for Rural Education during your final semester ([https://bit.ly/Rural\\_Stipend](https://bit.ly/Rural_Stipend)).  
Deadline for spring term funding is Oct 31st.

## 6 Take the Praxis Content Exams (<https://bit.ly/COPraxis>)

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).