

Western Washington University

Elementary Education/Special Education



Overview

Program Focus: Western's Woodring College of Education has created an elementary teacher education program that will prepare you to meet the demands of the 21st century. All programs are aligned with Washington state standards. The program gives you the tools to take advantage of the richness of student diversity in today's classroom.

Possible Careers: Teaching K-8 Elementary or Pre-School – 12th grade Special Education

Program Brag: Students who have completed this program in the last three years have a 94.76% hiring rate into the educational profession

Applications accepted: Application deadline for fall quarter is April 1st (Priority deadline).

Faculty: The program faculty draws from main campus faculty, as well as from the faculty, graduate students and recent doctoral graduates from other institutions. The program faculty is also supplemented by an accomplished group of public school teachers and administrators. The inclusion of these practitioners brings a richness and diversity of practical experience to the program that students value highly. No matter who they are or where they come from, all instructors in the program must meet the same threshold qualifications pertaining to degrees and teaching experience, and all are subject to the same peer and student review processes. All of our faculty has earned either a Master's degree or their Doctorate. Finally, all faculty members are bound by a code of ethics that appears in the Appendices section of the WWU Bulletin.

Teaching/ Class Format:

The WWU Elementary and Special Education program located at EvCC is arranged so that students progress together in teams or cohorts. Unlike main campus students, who must develop their own class schedules each quarter from the schedule of courses offered, off-campus students know in advance what they will be enrolled in each quarter – and know that there is a place for them in the course. The coursework for this undergraduate program is offered in a prescribed sequence with evening classes, and day time practicum work most quarters.

Options:

Bachelor of Arts in Education: This program integrates studies in Elementary Education, Special Education, and across nine additional disciplines including Math, Science, Health, and Physical Education. The coursework for this undergraduate program is offered in a prescribed sequence with

evening classes, and day-time practicum work most quarters. Students take classes and engage in practical experiences as a cohort. Upon completion of the 107-credit major, the 16 credit professional studies core, and internship, students will receive a teaching certificate with an endorsement in either elementary (K-8) or special (PK-12) education. With the completion of an optional second internship, students will receive an additional endorsement in the remaining endorsement area [either special education (P- 12) or elementary education (K-8)].

Post-Baccalaureate Option: This teacher certification program and elementary education endorsement includes studies across ten disciplines including Math, Science, Health, and Special Education. The coursework for this post baccalaureate program is offered in a prescribed sequence with evening classes, and day-time practicum work most quarters. Students take classes and engage in practical experiences as a cohort. Upon completion of this 95-credit program, students will receive a teaching certificate with an endorsement in elementary education.

Program

Length: Courses are organized into 4 days a week (Monday – Thursday, 5:00 – 9:00 pm)

7 quarters for post-baccalaureates

11 quarters for undergraduates

Each teacher education program at Western consists of a carefully sequenced curriculum of courses and experiences that are firmly backed by current research on effective teaching. This sequence is built around four strands or components of professional study: Foundations, Curriculum, Methods and Field Experiences.

Courses: List as follows; separate by core and elective if applicable

Coursework in Elementary Education Endorsement with Special Education Major

Professional Studies Core

IT 344	Basic Instructional Technology (1)
IT 442	Classroom Uses of Instructional Technology (3)
EDUC 301	Ed. Psych. I: Development and Individual Differences (4)
EDUC 302	Ed. Psych II: Learning, Motivation, and Assessment (4)
EDUC 310	The Teacher and The Social Order (4)

Elementary Education Endorsement

ART 380	Art Educating the Child (3)
ELED 372	Introduction to Teaching – Class (4)
ELED 373	Introduction to Teaching – Seminar (1)
ELED 380	Literacy: Foundations (4)
ELED 386/387	Practical Assessment in the Elem Classroom I and II (2/2)
ELED 426	Social Studies for the Elementary School (4)

ELED 472*	Developing Teaching – Class (3)
ELED 473*	Developing Teaching – Practicum (2)
ELED 474*	Documenting Teaching – Class (3)
ELED 475*	Documenting Teaching – Practicum (2)
ELED 478*	Literacy: Fluent Communicators (4)
ELED 479*	Literacy: Fluent Communicators Practicum (2)
HLED 455	Health Education, Grades K-8 (2)
MATH 381	Teaching K-8 Mathematics I (4)
MATH 382	Teaching K-8 Mathematics II (4)
MATH 383	Teaching K-8 Mathematics III (4)
MUS 361	Music for Elementary Teachers (3)
PE 345	Physical Education for Elementary School (3)
SCED 480	Science Methods & Curric. for the Elem School (5)
SCED 490	Laboratory/Field Exp. In Elementary Science (3)
SPED 360	Introduction to Exceptional Children (4)

*Includes SPED content

Special Education Major

ELED 435	Child Abuse & Neglect (2) – <i>Under advisement</i>
SPED 440	School Practicum (2)
SPED 466	Assessment, Evaluation, & IEP (4)
SPED 468	Families, Professionals, & Exceptional Children (4)
SPED 467	Curriculum-Based Evaluation (3)
SPED 470	Violent & Aggressive Youth (3) - <i>Under advisement</i>
SPED 471	Interventions for Learning Problems (4)
SPED 472	Behavior Assessment & Intervention (3)
SPED 474	Students with Complex Special Needs (4)
SPED 481	SPED Practicum: Literacy II (2)
SPED 482	SPED Practicum in Math (2)
SPED 483	Reading Instruction for Students with Special Needs (4)
SPED 484	Curriculum & Methods in Special Education (4)
SPED 485	Math Instruction for Students with Special Needs (4)
TESL 401	Intro. to English Linguistics for TESOL (4) – <i>Under advisement</i>

Internship

ELED 494	Internship - Elementary (13)
SPED 498	Internship – Exceptional Children/Elementary (16)

COST

Per credit: \$186.00

Estimated books per quarter: \$200 - 300

Any Additional Fees: \$4.00 per course set up fee.