

Elementary Education Certification Program

Woodring College of Education

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Why should I consider pursuing Elementary Education?

The Elementary Education Department offers programs leading to certification in Washington State. The department offers courses and certification sequences on the Western campus and at several off-campus sites in Western Washington. Students are

encouraged to visit the department offices in MH 262 for information on program offerings that meet the needs of individual students.

Mid Program Checkpoint:

Students intending on completing the Elementary Education program should complete the following by mid-way through their education. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

Coursework:

Completion of English composition course with a B- or better.

Completion of COMM 101 or EDUC 309 with a B- or better.

Other Activities:

Volunteer or work with school aged children.

Pick up the Recommended GUR course list from the Elementary Education website or office.

Declare or apply for major to be taken in conjunction with Elementary Certificate Program.

Make plans to take the West-B.

Apply to Woodring College of Education after meeting all requirements for admission. Meet with assigned advisor upon admission.

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Applying to the Elementary Education Program:

To be completed before application deadline:

- Completion of at least **45 credits**.
- Cumulative overall, or last 45 credits, **GPA of 2.75 or higher**.
- Satisfaction of the **testing requirement**: Pass the WEST-B.
- **English composition course** with a grade of **B-** or higher.

- An acceptable public speaking course with a grade of B- or higher.
- Experiences with children, strong interpersonal communication skills, and other skills helpful in teaching are given special emphasis. An essay, to be written on site, is required at the time of application.

Sample Career Fields:

- **Elementary Education Teacher**
- **Middle School Teacher**

Elementary Education Professional Program Requirements: 107 Credits

This program leads to a K-8 certificate and must be accompanied by an approved academic major.

Professional Studies Core: 25 Credits

Psychological Foundation

EDUC 301 Educational Psychology I: Development and Individual Differences (4)

EDUC 302 Educational Psychology II: Motivation, Learning and Assessment (4)

Social/Philosophical Foundations

EDUC 310 Teacher & the Social Order (4)

Instructional Foundations

SPED 364 Teaching All Students (4)

ELED 370 Introduction to Teaching (5)

IT 344 Basic Instructional Technology Skills (1)

IT 442 Classroom Use of Instructional Technology (Elementary) (3)

Elementary Program – Methods & Curriculum Content: 82 Credits

ART 380 Art Educating the Child (3)

ELED 425 Social Studies for Elementary School (5)

ELED 470 Developing Teaching (5)

ELED 471 Documenting Teaching (5)

ELED 480 Literacy II: Beginning Communicators (5)

ELED 481 Literacy III: Fluent Communicators (5)

ELED 494 Internship-Elementary (14)

ELED 497L Practicum in Literacy (4)

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)

MATH 491 Mathematics Internship Seminar (2)

MUS 361 Music for Elementary Teachers (3)

PE 345 PE For Elementary School (3)

SCED 480 Science Methods & Curriculum for the Elementary School (5)

SCED 490 Laboratory/Field Experience in Elementary Science (3)

SPED 430 Problem Solving For Diverse Needs (4)

Other Approved Academic Majors:

Students who wish to earn a teacher certificate endorsed in Elementary Education must also complete an approved academic majors. They include:

Anthropology

Art

Communication

Elementary Education Studies

English

Environmental Studies

Foreign Language (French, German or Spanish)

General Science

Geography

Geology (Earth Science)

History

Liberal Studies (Humanities)

Mathematics

Music

Psychology (Human Development)

Social Studies

Sociology

Special Education*

Student/Faculty Designed

**Students choosing Special Education/Elementary should apply directly to the Special Education Department.*