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# Elementary Education Certification Program

Woodring College of Education

## 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.

## Applying to the Elementary Education Program:

To be completed before application deadline:

- Completion of at least 45 credits
- Cumulative overall GPA, or last 45 credits, of 2.75 or higher
- Satisfaction of the testing requirement; pass the WEST-B
- English composition course with a grade of B- or higher
- Experiences with children in as diverse settings as possible and other skills helpful in teaching are given special emphasis—an essay, to be written on site, is required at the time of application.

## 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.

**Other Activities:**

- Volunteer or work with school aged children in diverse setting (as possible).
- Pick up the Recommended GUR Course List from the Elementary Education website or office.
- Declare or apply for the major to be taken in conjunction with Elementary Certificate Program. Please be aware this does not guarantee acceptance into the Elementary Department.
- Make plans to take the West-B.
- Apply to Woodring College of Education after meeting all requirements for admission.

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### Sample Careers:

Elementary Education Teacher  
Middle School Teacher



# Elementary Education Professional Program Requirements: 104 Credits

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

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

## **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: 79 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: Beginning Communicators (5)

ELED 481 Literacy: Fluent Communicators (5)

ELED 491 September Experience (2)

ELED 494 Internship-Elementary (2-18)

ELED 497 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)

## *Approved Academic Majors:*

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

- Anthropology
- Art
- Communication
- Elementary Education Studies
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Foreign Language
- General Science
- Geography
- Geology (Earth Science)
- History
- Liberal Studies (Humanities)
- Mathematics
- Music
- Psychology (Human Development)
- Social Studies
- Sociology
- Special Education\*
- Student/Faculty Designed