

Bachelor of Arts in Education Program Guide

<http://education.vancouver.wsu.edu/bachelor-arts-education>

Who should apply?

- Those interested in obtaining Elementary Teacher Certification (K-8) and an endorsement in English Language Learners (ELL), Middle Level Mathematics, or Special Education (waiver option only)
- Those who will complete all prerequisites **prior to the start of the program in mid-June each year**

What are the deadlines?

- **Priority application deadline: February 1**
- **Basic Skills Testing must be completed by February 1**
- **Program begins annually in mid-June (WSU second six-week summer session)**

How is the program structured?

- This is a cohort style, time-intensive program that begins annually in the summer session (mid-June) only
- This full-time program takes 2 years, including 2 summers, to complete
- Part-time options are available
- Classes are offered utilizing a face to face modality and are typically offered during the day, some terms will include evening courses

Program Location:

- WSU Vancouver campus

What are the prerequisites?

- Completion of the University Common Core requirements (UCORE) for Washington State University Vancouver or a transferable AA-DTA degree prior to the start of the program in June
- Minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average, as determined by the Admissions Office
- English Composition 6 semester credits/9+ quarter credits
- Math for Elementary School Teachers (one-year sequence)
- Human Development Across the Lifespan
- U.S. History (any broad-based time period)
- American Government (usually found as an introductory political science course)
- Geography
- Economics
- Sciences: 12 semester/18+ quarter credits, to include a minimum of one biological science, one physical science, and one lab science. Plus two additional approved science courses. Please see page 3 for details.
- Each prerequisite class must have a grade of "C" (2.0) or higher (with the exception of AP credits, which are graded "P")
- Contact Dan Overbay dan.overbay@wsu.edu for the current prerequisite equivalency chart or for alternate course approval and unofficial transcript evaluations
- 80 hours (minimum) of supervised work with children in a formal educational setting (e.g. a diverse public school classroom) (**completed by the application deadline February 1**)

Are there any tests I need to take?

Yes, all teacher candidates must attempt all three parts (mathematics, reading, and writing) of one of the approved basic skills tests (ACT, SAT, or WEST-B) one time, and pass the NES test for Elementary Education (both subtests).

Testing website: http://www.west.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_Tests.html.

- The Basic Skills exam (subtests for reading, writing, and math) **must be taken prior to application deadline February 1.**
- The NES (National Evaluation Series) for Elementary Education exam (both subtests for elementary education) must be **taken** by the end of the first fall semester and must be **passed prior to student teaching (December 1 of Senior Year)**

How do I apply?

- Complete instructions are located in the BA in Education Application Portfolio (PDF) usually available in the fall semester at: <https://education.vancouver.wsu.edu/bachelor-arts-education>
- Please make sure to submit the correct application portfolio for the year in which you apply.

WSU UCORE and Program Specific Prerequisites for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Education Teacher Certification Program

In addition to the requirements listed in this document, students are required to fulfill the equivalent of WSU lower-division University Common Core Requirements (UCORE) or to have an Associate of Arts DTA (direct transfer agreement) prior to starting the program. The UCORE Capstone [CAPS] Class will be completed in the senior year (TCH_LRN 490: Advanced Practicum).

Successful completion of both the course requirements and UCORE does not guarantee admission to the Teacher Preparation Program. In order to be considered for admission, students must submit a WSU Undergraduate Application (if not already a WSU student) as well as a Departmental Application Portfolio in accordance with departmental deadlines (see page 1).

REQUIREMENT	WSU SYSTEM	CLARK COLLEGE	LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE	CENTRALIA COLLEGE	PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
English Composition [W] 6 Semester/9+ quarter Credits	ENGL 101 & ENGL 201	ENGL&101 and ENGL&102	ENGL&101 and ENGL&102,	ENGL&101 and ENGL&102	WR 121, 122, & 123
Human Development Across the Lifespan	H_D 101	PSYC&200	PSYC&200	PSYC&200	PSY 215
Math for Elementary School Teachers 6 Semester credits or equivalent to Math 251 & 252	MATH 251 & 252	MATH 122 & MATH 123 & MATH 124	MATH&131 and MATH&132	MATH&131 and MATH&132	MTH 211, 212, & 213
U.S. History (one course)	HIST 110 or HIST 111 *See WSU note	HIST&146, or HIST&148	HIST& 136 or HIST &137	HIST&146, or HIST&148	HST 201 or 203
American Government (one course)	POL_S 101 *See WSU note	POLS 111	POLS&202	POLS&202	PS 201
Geography (one course)	*HIST 120 *See WSU note	*HIST&126 (most preferred), **GEOG&100, GEOG&102, GEOG&200, GEOG 205, or GEOG&207	*HIST&126 (most preferred) or GEOG 105	GEOG 201 or GEOG&200	GEO 105, 106, 107, 202, 208, 210, 214, or 250
Economics (one course)	ECONS 101, 102 *See WSU note	**ECON 101, ECON&201, ECON&202	ECON 105, &201 or &202	ECON&201 or &202,	EC 115, 200, 201 or 202
Sciences (four courses) See science chart next page	****4 Sciences See science chart next page	****4 Sciences See science chart next page	****4 Sciences See science chart next page	****4 Sciences See science chart next page	****4 Sciences See science chart next page

* **WSU note:** HIST 120 (or transfer equivalency, HIST&126 is equivalent to HIST 120 at WSU) **plus** an approved U.S. history and American Government course will fulfill U.S. history, geography, American government, and economics prerequisite courses. NOTE: Students are encouraged to complete an economics course in preparation for passing the NES Elementary Education subtests.

Science Courses required for the Bachelor of Arts in Education Teacher Certification Program

*****SCIENCES—12 semester credits/18+ quarter credits) NOTE:** Some courses are now required, and some are strongly recommended. Science courses or equivalents should be completed to assist in passing the NES Elementary Education content exam. Please contact Academic Coordinator for questions regarding science requirements. Please do not take other science classes not listed here.

A minimum of **four science classes**, each course being equivalent to **3-4** semester credits.

Required and strongly recommended science courses listed below

At least one course must transfer as a biological science [BSCI]. Take BIOL 102 or BIOL&100 or BIOL&160 (required, no substitutions or exceptions).

At least one course must transfer as a physical science [PSCI]. Take SOE 101 or GEOL&101 (required, no substitutions or exceptions).

At least one course must transfer as a lab science [L]. Both BIOL 102 & BIOL&100 (BIOL&160) and SOE 101 & GEOL&101 are lab science courses.

Students should plan to take the **strongly recommended** courses unless there is a scheduling conflict or they have already taken one of the “accepted” courses listed below.

Two additional science courses (may be Biological or Physical Science, must be different course pre-fixes), please see Academic Coordinator for approved courses.

Required and Strongly Recommended Science Courses

WSU Vancouver	Clark College	Lower Columbia College	Centralia College	Portland Community College
Biological Science BIOL 102 or BIOL 106 (Required, no substitutions or exceptions)	Biological Science BIOL&100 or BIOL&160 (Required, no substitutions or exceptions)	Biological Science BIOL&100 or BIOL&160 (Required, no substitutions or exceptions)	Biological Science BIOL&100 or BIOL&160 (Required, no substitutions or exceptions)	Biological Science BI 112 (Required, no substitutions or exceptions)
Physical Science SOE 101 (Required, no substitutions or exceptions)	Physical Science GEOL&101 (Required, no substitutions or exceptions)	Physical Science GEOL&101 (Required, no substitutions or exceptions)	Physical Science GEOL&101 (Required, no substitutions or exceptions)	Physical Science G 201 (Required, no substitutions or exceptions)
Biological Science or Physical Science ASTRONOM 135 (Strongly Recommended)	Biological Science or Physical Science ASTR&101 (Strongly Recommended) PHSC 101 <u>or</u> PHSC 102 (accepted) PHYS&100 (and PHYS&101) (accepted)	Biological or Physical Science ASTR&101 (Strongly Recommended) CHEM&110 or CHEM&121 (accepted)	Biological Science or Physical Science ASTR 127 (Strongly Recommended) CHEM&121 (accepted)	Biological Science or Physical Science PHY 121 (Strongly Recommended) PHY 122 (accepted)
Biological Science or Physical Science SOE 110 (Strongly Recommended) SOE 210 (accepted) SOE 230 (accepted) SOE 280 (accepted)	Biological Science or Physical Science ENVS 109 (Strongly Recommended) BIOL 101 (accepted) CHEM&121 (accepted) CHEM&110 (accepted)	Biological Science or Physical Science ENVS 215 (Strongly Recommended) ERSI 105 or (accepted) ERSI 109 (accepted)	Biological Science or Physical Science ENVS&101 (Strongly Recommended) GEOL 102 (accepted) OCEA&101 (accepted)	Biological Science or Physical Science ESR 171 (Strongly Recommended) ESR 172 or 173 (accepted)

Questions? Contact Academic Coordinator Dan Overbay at 360.546.9673 or dan.overbay@wsu.edu

EXPERIENCE WITH CHILDREN

In addition to the course prerequisites listed on this sheet, students seeking admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Education program at WSU Vancouver must also have a minimum of **80 hours** of supervised experience working with school-aged children (K-8), preferably in a diverse public school setting. These **80 hours** must have occurred within three years prior to application to the program. Experience related to sibling care, nanny, babysitting, and pre-K work are not accepted (contact Academic Coordinator for questions related to the experience requirement).

This requirement must be completed by the February 1 application submission date.

Basic Skills Test requirement (ACT/SAT/WEST-B)

All students must **take all three sections** (reading, mathematics, and writing) of the state mandated basic skills test (ACT/SAT/WEST-B) **prior to application submission deadline**. If one or more sections of the ACT/SAT/WEST-B do not meet the passing requirements then a grade of "C" or better in specific prerequisite coursework will be used to determine basic skills completion.

Online registration, sample study questions and the Washington State Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs) link are available on the website. When registering (for WEST-B only), select the State of Washington and WSU Pullman to receive official test scores.

If ordering SAT scores please visit the College Board website and use school code: 4705.

If ordering ACT scores please visit the ACT website and use school code: 4482.

NES Test requirement for Elementary Education

All admitted undergraduate teacher certification students must pass both subtests of this exam **prior to beginning the student teaching (spring semester senior year)** portion of the program. Teacher Candidates must **take both subtests by the end of the fall term of their first year** of the program. Online registration, study guide, sample questions and the Washington Endorsement Competencies link are available on the website. When registering, select the State of Washington and WSU Pullman to receive official test scores.

NOTES

- Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to the start of the program. This includes the UCORE or AA-DTA degree.
- The application deadline is typically February 1 of each year—but students should be sure to follow the deadlines posted on the application materials. Admissions decisions are typically be made in early to mid-April each year. The selection process may involve an on-campus interview.
- GPA: Prerequisite classes cannot be taken as P/F. All prerequisite courses must have a "C" (2.0) or higher grade. Cumulative GPA (from WSU and community college coursework) must be 2.5 or higher for all prior coursework.
- Contact the WSU Vancouver Admissions Office for unofficial transcript evaluations: <http://studentaffairs.vancouver.wsu.edu/admissions>

Questions?

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