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(transfer course equivalencies)

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Application Packet:

Applications are available on-line at <http://education.wsu.edu/students/undergrad>. All candidates desiring consideration for admission must complete an application packet. Students who meet the minimum requirements listed below are eligible to apply but are not guaranteed admission. Enrollment is limited and admission competitive.

Application Deadlines:

Students desiring to enroll fall semester in professional education course work must apply by the spring deadline (**February 28/29**) and be admitted. Students desiring to enroll spring semester in professional education course work must apply by the fall deadline (**September 30**) and be admitted.

Application Requirements:

By the end of the semester in which you apply, the following must be complete:

80 clock hours of supervised work with children/youth (age 4 - adult) within the past 3 years. These clock hours may be paid or volunteer. A page in the application packet is provided for you to document your experience(s). You may also download the form at <http://education.wsu.edu/students/undergrad/>. The T&L 300 one-week observation and the in-school experiences required in the teacher preparation classes cannot be used for any part of the 80 hours.

At least 30 semester hours of course work completed.

A minimum cumulative WSU GPA of 2.5 for elementary and secondary education applicants. Health and Fitness education applicants must have a minimum cumulative WSU GPA of 2.75.

Engl 101 and 201, 301 or 302 (or transfer equivalent) graded C (2.0) or higher. Honors College students take Engl 298. Transfer students must have a minimum of 6 semester hours of composition. Transfers needing an additional 1 or 2 hours may take Engl 200.

T&L 300, 301 (plus HD 101 for Elementary majors) with a C (2.0) or better.

A state mandated basic skills test (WEST-B) is required. Internet registration is available at www.west.nesinc.com, or pick up a registration bulletin at the Office of Student Services or from your local site coordinator. **Your application will not be considered if you do not have a passing score on all three sections of the WEST-B by the end of the semester in which you apply (December 31 for spring applicants and May 1 for fall applicants).**

A personal goal statement of one or two double-spaced, typewritten pages detailing why you have chosen teaching and describing your experiences working with diverse populations, families, and children.

An interview and writing sample.

Elementary and Early Childhood majors must also have Math 251, ComSt 102 or HD 205 and at least two of the required GER science courses completed with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Secondary majors (undergraduate) must be certified in their major department and have at least nine hours of course work completed in the endorsement. ***The History/Social Studies department requires a separate application. Contact the History department for details.***

Prerequisite Math and Music Requirements for Elementary and P-3 Majors:

MATH: Enrollment in Math 251 is limited to students who have at least:

a C (2.0) or better in Math 99, *or*

12 or higher on the advanced version, *or*

20 or higher on the intermediate version of the math placement test, *or*

SAT quantitative score of 530 or higher.

For more information on math placement, and practice problems, go to: www.sci.wsu.edu/math/placement

MUSIC: Prior to enrollment in Mus 388 a student must complete Mus 153 or pass a music fundamentals test. Check the Office of Student Services bulletin board or with the Music Department for test date and time.

Insurance Requirements

Evidence of liability insurance must be provided to the College of Education prior to any practica or field experiences.

Field Experiences: Deadlines to apply are posted outside the Student Services Center

It is the College of Education's intent to insure that individuals placed in K-12 classrooms are adequately prepared and that they possess those characteristics desirable for working with children and young people. The College, therefore, reserves the right to refuse placement of any student in a field experience, or to terminate individual placements, if in the professional judgment of faculty or coordinating field personnel there is a cause for concern about the fitness of that individual to work with children in a classroom setting.

Field experiences are integrated throughout the program, culminating in a full semester of student teaching at select contracted sites throughout the state and overseas.

Student Teaching - T&L 415: Candidates for student teaching must apply one year in advance to request a placement. Applications are distributed at an informational meeting held early each semester. An interview is required for placement. *Student teaching must be completed at an approved WSU site with supervision by an approved WSU provider.*

Fingerprinting:

Fingerprinting, which is required to conduct a background check, must be completed one year prior to student teaching. Fingerprinting is scheduled each semester at the student teacher orientation meeting. Background and criminal history information supplied by the Washington State Patrol and the FBI is made available to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and to the school district where the candidate is placed to student teach. No candidate may begin student teaching until authorization is received from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Fee:--Approx. \$75. Most school districts now require background fingerprinting clearance for the T&L 300 observation and subsequent in-school experiences. The Washington State Patrol clearance is completed in T&L 300.

Summer Session Enrollment:

Students desiring to enroll in professional education course work during early summer session must be admitted for the preceding Spring term (apply by September 30). Early summer session enrollment is not available to applicants for fall semester because admission decisions are not complete until June 1.

Post-baccalaureate Teacher Certification and Master's Degree plus Certification:

Candidates with a bachelor's degree desiring certification only must follow the guidelines listed above for admission to teacher preparation. In addition, candidates must apply for admission to WSU through the Office of Admissions. Master's candidates must be admitted to the Department of Teaching and Learning and the Graduate School. Direct graduate study inquiries to gradstudies@wsu.edu.

Writing Portfolio:

Writing Portfolio—Students should complete their WSU Writing Portfolio prior to enrollment in an [M] course (T&L 310, 322, or 467).

Time Limit for Program Completion:

A candidate will have five years from the date of admission to the teacher preparation program to complete all requirements. Candidates not completing within this time limit will be required to fulfill any new requirements occurring subsequent to the admission date.

Minimum Requirements for Issuance of the Teacher Certificate:

- A baccalaureate degree.
- Completion of an approved teacher preparation program and recommendation by WSU.
- C (2.0) or better in all course work in the endorsement(s) area(s) and professional core.

Elementary and early childhood majors also must have a C (2.0) or better in all course work required by the College of Education.
- 2.5 WSU cumulative grade point average, and 2.5 gpa computed separately for each endorsement(s) and the professional education core with the exception of Health and Fitness teaching majors who must have a 2.75 gpa.
- Evidence of good character and fitness.
- Passing scores on state mandated tests. The WEST-B must be passed in order for students to be accepted into the teacher education program. Students completing the teacher preparation program are required to pass the WEST-E in each endorsement area *prior* to student teaching. For registration and more information, including study guides, visit <http://education.wsu.edu/students/undergrad/>.

Endorsements:

An endorsement is a designation on the teacher certificate specifying the subject area the candidate is qualified to teach. A candidate for the teacher certificate must complete requirements for a minimum of one endorsement. For endorsement course requirements go to <http://education.wsu.edu/students/undergrad/>

At WSU’s Pullman campus, the following teaching endorsements are available:

Arts: General Music, Choral Music, Instrumental Music Early Childhood Education Elementary Education, multi-subject English Language Arts Health & Fitness History Mathematics Science: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics Social Studies World Languages French, German, Russian, Spanish	Career and Technical Education: Agriculture Family and Consumer Sciences <i>Add-on Endorsements (non-degree)</i> Bilingual English Language Learners Reading Special Education General Science
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Catalog:

Browse the World Wide Web at http://www.catalog.wsu.edu/Pullman/Courses/ByPrefix/T_%5E_L to check out the course listings under the Department of Teaching and Learning.