

# Washington State University

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**Official correspondence will be sent to the student's WSU email address. It is the student's responsibility to check his/her WSU address for communication.**

### Application packet:

Applications are available online <https://education.wsu.edu/undergradprograms/teachered/admissionrequirements/>. All candidates who want to be considered 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 is competitive.

### Application deadlines:

Application deadline for students planning to start Block I of the Teacher Education program in Fall 2018 is **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**. Please sign up for a time to turn in your application outside of Education Addition room 316. Application in-take will begin on Monday, February 5, 2018.

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

- 80-hours of supervised work with children/youth (age 4 - adult) within the past 3 years. These 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 TCH\_LRN 301 one-week observation and the in-school experiences required in the teacher education classes **cannot** be used for any part of the 80 -hours.
- At least 45 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 WSU cumulative GPA of 2.75.
- ENGLISH 101 and ENGLISH 201/301/402/[WRTG] (or transfer equivalent; transfer students must have a minimum of two composition courses) with a C (2.0) or better. Honors College students take ENGLISH 298. TCH\_LRN 301 with a C (2.0) or better.
- Elementary majors must also have H\_D 101, MATH 251, and at least three of the four required science courses (Two Approved Science electives, SCIENCE 101, SCIENCE 102) completed with a grade of C (2.0) or better.
- A state mandated basic skills test (WEST-B) is required. Internet registration for the WEST-B is available at [www.west.nesinc.com](http://www.west.nesinc.com). As of September 1, 2013, in lieu of WEST-B scores, official SAT and/or ACT scores will be considered (please reference table below). **Your application will not be considered if you do not have a passing score on all three sections of the WEST-B, or the minimum required SAT/ACT scores, by the end of the semester in which you apply.**

Subject	WEST-B	SAT	ACT
Math	PASS	515 (prior to 3/2016) 27.5 (after 3/2016)	22
Reading	PASS	500 (prior to 3/2016) 27 (after 3/2016)	22
Writing	PASS	490 (prior to 3/2016) 28 (after 3/2016)	8 (2/2005 – 8/2015) 23 (9/2015 – 8/2016) 8 (beginning 9/2016)

- Two (2) 1-page personal goal statements. The purpose of these statements is twofold: (1) for us to better understand who you are and why you want to be a teacher; and (2) to assess the quality of your critical-thinking and writing skills. See application for writing prompts.
- An interview
- Secondary majors (undergraduate) must be certified in their major department and have at least nine hours of course work completed in the endorsement

**Note: The History/Social Studies department requires an additional application. Contact the History department for details.**

### **Prerequisite Math Requirements for Elementary Majors:**

**MATH:** Enrollment in Math 251 is limited to students who have at least one of the following:

- a C (2.0) or better in Math 103, *or*
- a 45% or higher on the ALEKS math placement exam

For more information on math placement and practice problems, go to: [www.math.wsu.edu/placement/welcome.php](http://www.math.wsu.edu/placement/welcome.php)

### **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 Undergraduate Student Services Office

*It is the College of Education's intent to ensure 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 – TCH\_LRN 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:**

A background check must be completed for all students newly admitted into the Teacher Education Program and prior to enrolling in SPEC\_ED 490, TCH\_LRN 402, 405, 415, 469, 490, 501, 553, 590, 593, and 595. Fingerprinting can be completed at the Field Services and Certification Office in Cleveland Hall, room 252. 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. No candidate may be placed in a school until clearance is received from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Fee:--Approx. \$60. (*Fingerprint clearance is not currently required for TCH\_LRN 301 and 317 but this policy is subject to change.*)

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

Candidates with a bachelor's degree who want certification only must follow the guidelines listed above for admission to the teacher education program. 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. Graduate study inquiries should be directed to the College of Education Office of Graduate Studies at [gradstudies@wsu.edu](mailto:gradstudies@wsu.edu).

### **Writing Portfolio:**

**Writing Portfolio**—Students should complete their WSU Writing Portfolio after the completion of 60 credit hours of coursework. The Writing Portfolio is a two-part process. Failure to complete each process will result in a hold on your

student account. For information on the Writing Portfolio visit:  
<http://universitycollege.wsu.edu/units/writingprogram/index.html>

**Time limit for program completion:**

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

**Minimum requirements for issuance of the teacher certificate:**

- A baccalaureate degree.
- Completion of an approved teacher education program and recommendation by WSU.
- C (2.0) or better in all course work in the endorsement(s) area(s) and professional core. Elementary 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, or SAT/ACT, must be passed in order for students to be admitted into the teacher education program. For registration and more information about the WEST exams, including study guides, visit <http://www.west.nesinc.com>. Students completing the teacher education program are required to pass the WEST-E/NES in each endorsement area *prior* to student teaching. Students completing endorsements in French and/or Spanish must also pass the ACTFL (<https://tms.languagetesting.com/IndividualSite/>).

**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 (add-on endorsements must be completed in conjunction with another endorsement). For endorsement course requirements go to <https://education.wsu.edu/undergradprograms/teachered/endorsements/list/>.

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

**Endorsements offered**

Arts: General Music, Choral Music, Instrumental Music  
Elementary Education  
English Language Arts  
Health and Fitness  
History  
Mathematics  
Science: Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Physics  
Social Studies  
World Languages: French, Spanish

**Career and Technical Education:**

Agriculture  
Family and Consumer Sciences

**Add-on Endorsements (non-degree)**

English Language Learners (ELL)  
Middle Level Math  
Middle Level Science  
Reading  
Special Education

**Catalog:**

Visit [http://catalog.wsu.edu/Pullman/Courses/ByPrefix/T\\_%5E\\_L](http://catalog.wsu.edu/Pullman/Courses/ByPrefix/T_%5E_L) to check out the course listings under the Department of Teaching and Learning.