

What is elementary education?

Elementary Education prepares students to teach in K-8 public and private schools. In addition to completing a teacher education program and residency certificate, students must complete a baccalaureate degree in Elementary Education or a subject area endorsed by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in Washington State.

www.k12.wa.us/certification Some universities offer teacher education programs that can be completed within a bachelor's degree, while others offer a post-baccalaureate certification program or certification in conjunction with a graduate degree program.

Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the AA -DTA **Degree Planning Guide** to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn a baccalaureate degree Education.

Each college of education has unique ways in which courses will transfer. To maximize the probability that courses taken at Shoreline will apply directly to an Elem. Ed. Degree, it is beneficial to work closely with an advisor from the college of education at the colleges(s) that one is considering attending.

Where can I go for help?

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Where can I transfer?

Students can transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S., but the Direct Transfer Agreement applies only within Washington. Colleges in the following list offer Undergraduate Teacher Certification (UG), Early Childhood Education (ECE) or Special Education (SE) Programs, or Graduate Degree Programs and Certification (G), which may require specific courses for admission. Contact your chosen four-year school(s) for more information.

[Antioch University](#) (G)

[Central Washington University](#) (UG, ECE, SE)

[City University](#) (UG, G)

[Eastern Washington University](#) (UG, ECE, G)

[The Evergreen State College](#) (G)

[Gonzaga University](#) (UG, SE, G)

[Heritage University](#) (UG, ECE, SE, G)

[Northwest University](#) (UG, G)

[Pacific Lutheran University](#) (UG, SE, G)

[St. Martin's University](#) (UG, SE, G)

[Seattle Pacific University](#) (UG, SE, G)

[Seattle University](#) (UG, G)

[University of Puget Sound](#) (G)

[University of Washington – Seattle](#) (G)

[University of Washington – Bothell](#) (G)

[University of Washington – Tacoma](#) (G)

[Walla Walla University](#) (UG, G)

[Washington State University](#) (UG, G)

[Western Washington University](#) (UG, ECE, SE, G)

[Whitworth University](#) (UG, SE, G)

What can I do with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education?

Elementary Education teachers develop the knowledge, skills and credentials to teach in elementary and middle schools, as well as skills that transfer to a variety of career fields.

Potential employers include: Private and public middle schools and high schools, boards of education, federal, state and local governments, health and human services, marketing and research firms, public advocacy groups, private foundations, non-profit organizations, foreign service, businesses, and publishing companies. For more, please visit

<http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-services/career-counseling.aspx>

What courses should I take?*

Below are recommendations for fulfilling the AA-DTA requirements if you are planning to pursue a four-year degree in Elementary Education.

Strongly Recommended

These are commonly **required** for admission. Check with your chosen four-year program(s) to confirm.

Other Recommendations

These courses are well-matched with this major, but are not commonly required for admission.

I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Quant. and Symb. Reasoning --

II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Humanities --

CMST &101 or &220; World Language if required for university admission or graduation.

Natural Sciences --

GEOL &101 for earth science. One each: earth science, biological science, physical science.

Social Sciences

PSYC &200, HIST &146, a world history course, HIST &214, GEOG &100

III. GENERAL ELECTIVES

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Courses to satisfy an endorsement or academic major and/or pre-requisites for admissions to college of education (could include EDUC &115, 117, 150, &202, &204). World Language if required for university admission.

What does your chosen four-year school require?

Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

General Requirements for Teacher Certification Programs: All students applying for admission to state approved teacher education programs are required to 1.) pass the Washington Educator Skills Test—Basic (WEST-B); 2.) complete an application for a Teacher’s Certificate, including a Character and Fitness Supplement; 3.) submit to a Washington State Patrol and FBI background check; 4.) complete course requirements and a teaching internship. Some schools require volunteer hours in an elementary education setting for admission. Check web sites and/or consult with advisors for specific requirements. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements.

School	Degrees	Requirements
Central Washington University	B.A in Education	Admission requirements: Ellensburg and Burién campuses. A 3.0 GPA or higher in last 45 credits.
Seattle Pacific University	B.A. in Integrated Studies with Residency Teacher Certification	Admission requirements— Minimum 2.8 GPA or 3.0 GPA in last 30 cr.; complete a psychology or sociology course with C (2.0) or better.
Washington State University	B.A. in Education	Admission requirements - Minimum C (2.0) is required for all professional course work and courses in endorsement with an overall 2.5 minimum GPA; PSYC& 200 is required. All course work must be completed within the last five years. Completion of 80 hours of supervised work with children is also required.
Western Washington University	B.A. or B.S. in endorsed subject with elementary certification	Admissions Requirements: A 2.75 GPA is required in all college course work or in the last 45 credits; ENGL& 101 must be completed with a 3.0.

**** This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**