

Application for Admission
Alternative Route Teacher Education Program
Washington State University Tri-Cities
College of Education

Application Deadline

Friday, January 31, 2020 (for Summer 2020 admission)

How to Submit Your Application Packet

Please mail or hand-deliver this application to the College of Education, WSU Tri-Cities, 2710 Crimson Way, Richland, WA 99354. Applications **MUST** be submitted to the Program in West 207A or be postmarked by the deadline above.

Note: All correspondence regarding your application will be sent to the email address listed on your application. You are responsible for monitoring that email account and responding to any requests accordingly.

Application Materials

- Application for Admission to the Alternative Route Teacher Education Program
- Personal Goal Statements (see prompts on page one of the application)
- Information and Consent Form, signed and dated (2 pages)
- Route 1 Employment Verification Form completed, signed and dated
- Teacher Certificate Requirements Form completed, signed, and dated
- Photocopies of unofficial transcript(s) from previous institution(s) attended. You still need to submit official college transcripts to WSU as part of the general admissions process to the university (see below).
- Attempt** all three sections (Reading, Math, and Writing) of the WEST-B, SAT, or ACT.
 - Your scores must be sent to WSU Admissions; if you did not take the SAT or ACT, you will need to take the WEST-B, ACT or SAT.
 - Please submit an unofficial copy of your scores or test registration with this application.
 - Qualifying scores can be found at <https://education.wsu.edu/undergradprograms/teachered/basicskillstesting/>
 - You can register for the West-B online at: <http://www.west.nesinc.com/>

Students not yet admitted to WSU must also apply for admission to the university.

- _____ Complete the online “Undergraduate Application for Admission” for transfer students at <https://tricitie.wsu.edu/admissions/apply/>
- _____ Pay \$50.00 non-refundable application fee
- _____ Order **official** transcripts sent to be sent **directly** to WSU Tri-Cities, 2710 Crimson Way, Richland, WA 99354 by the registrar of each higher education institution at which you completed coursework after grade 12.

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Instructions: Please read and complete all sections of this application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

WSU ID #: _____ Date of Birth: _____
First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Current Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Mailing Address (if different): _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell Phone #: _____ Permanent Phone #: _____
Email Address*: _____

The questions below are needed for reporting purposes only and are optional.

Are you a first generation college student? Please mark one: Yes No Is English your first language: Yes No

Race/Ethnicity: _____

** All correspondence regarding your College of Education application will be sent to this email address. You are responsible for monitoring that email account and responding to any requests accordingly. Once you enroll in WSU classes, all correspondence from WSU must be sent to your WSU email only. Current WSU students MUST list their WSU email address here.*

This application is for admission for:

Summer Term 2020 (deadline January 31, 2020)

In addition to the Elementary Education endorsement, I would like to earn the following add-on endorsement(s):

English Language Learners Bilingual Education

Special Education

Have you ever held a Washington teacher, administrator, emergency or educational staff associate certificate?

Yes If yes, what is your certificate number? _____

No

Cumulative WSU or Transfer GPA (a minimum 2.50 is required): _____

Personal Goal Statements

The purpose of this writing sample is two-fold: (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. Your response should be typewritten, double-spaced, and on a **single page for each question** (a maximum of 300 words each). **Be sure to include your name and WSU ID# on the top of both pages.**

1. In a job interview, you will likely be asked to talk about who you are and why you should be hired. Imagine that you are one of three finalists for a teaching position. Begin your writing sample by telling us something about yourself and why you want to become a teacher. What can you add that sets you apart from the other applicants?
2. Please describe your past work as a paraprofessional or other employee in education. Why have you decided to make the transition from paraprofessional to teacher? How will you use your experiences in this area to inform your work as an education student and as a teacher in the future?

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Information and Consent Form

Testing Requirements

Your application for admission to the Teacher Education Program will be considered only if you have **attempted** all three sections (Reading, Math, and Writing) of the WEST-B, SAT, or ACT by the start of the semester for which you apply (May for summer applicants).

Passage of the content exam (WEST-E or NES) in the desired endorsement area is required for placement in student teaching and for awarding of the Residency Teacher Certificate. In addition, the ACTFL is required to award the Residency Teacher Certificate for those seeking an endorsement in Bilingual Education.

I have read the above statement and understand it is my responsibility to meet the testing requirements of the Washington State University College of Education and the State of Washington.

Signature

Date

Liability Insurance Requirements

Evidence of a minimum \$1,000,000 personal liability insurance coverage must be provided to the College of Education for participation in practica and student teaching. Upon admission, students will receive information about low-cost insurance options from the Program.

I have read the above statement and understand proof of liability insurance is required for placement in schools.

Signature

Date

Professional Dispositions Assessment (PDA) Process

Teacher candidates who have been accepted into a WSU Teacher Education Program will be assessed regularly to determine their progress in academic performance, field experiences, and professionalism. The Professional Dispositions Assessment Form (PDA Form) is one of many assessment tools used in the program.

The PDA form may be completed by any instructor who feels a candidate is not meeting a particular professional standard. The completed form must be accompanied by a description of the behavior and available documentation that indicates failure to meet the standard. Normally, the form will be completed after the instructor has worked unsuccessfully with the candidate to help him/her meet the standard. The form can be completed at any time. The instructor will notify the candidate that a PDA form is being filed, and the student will sign the form. Completed PDA forms will be stored in the student's file (in the Program coordinator's office, Floyd 207M). In accordance with FERPA Student Rights (see <http://www.registrar.wsu.edu/rights-and-privacy/> or the WSU Student Handbook), teacher candidates may view any completed forms via request to Undergraduate Student Services, and may provide a written response to a PDA form for their file, also via Undergraduate Student Services.

A Teacher Education Student Affairs Committee is required to meet with the teacher candidate to discuss remediation strategies if (1) an instructor requests a meeting, or (2) a teacher candidate receives two negative ratings for any single professional disposition. If a teacher candidate receives four or more negative ratings in any combination of categories, the committee shall review documentation and (1) permit the teacher candidate to proceed in the program with appropriate remediation, OR (2) remove the teacher candidate from the program. Teacher candidates who wish to appeal the Teacher Education Student Affairs Committee's decision must prepare a written appeal and present it to the Chair of the Department of Teaching and Learning. The Chair may make the final decision or refer the appeal to the faculty.

I have read the above statements and understand the use of the Professional Dispositions Assessment form.

Signature

Date

Release of Student Records and Personal Information

I hereby authorize Washington State University to release orally or in writing, all student records, and other personally identifiable information to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the purpose of investigating and determining my eligibility for Washington State certification pursuant to RCW 28A.410, WAC 181-86 and 181-87 as now or hereinafter amended, and to my field supervisor and school district for the purpose of securing a student teaching placement for me.

Signature

Date

Policy on Student Teaching

I understand that I must pass the content exam (WEST-E or NES) in my endorsement area prior to student teaching, and that student teaching must be completed at an approved WSU site with supervision by an approved WSU provider.

Signature

Date

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Fitness to Work in a Classroom Setting and Background Clearance

It is Washington State University's intent to ensure that all teacher candidates possess those characteristics desirable for working with children. The College of Education therefore reserves the right to deny any individual admission to, or continued enrollment in the Teacher Education Program 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. The faculty may utilize the Professional Dispositions Assessment (PDA) to formally document and communicate the pre-service teacher's disposition to teaching.

I have read the above statement and understand it is the responsibility of the faculty and staff of the College of Education and coordinating field personnel to evaluate and monitor all aspects of my personal and academic fitness, to assess my ability to work effectively with children in a classroom setting and to deny my admission to or discontinue my enrollment in the Teacher Education Program if, in the opinion of faculty or coordinating field personnel, I am not suited for recommendation for professional licensure.

I understand that if I am accepted into the Teacher Education Program, I must undergo a background check that includes providing fingerprints prior to my participating in any internship, practicum, or student teaching experience.

Signature

Date

Repeating Professional Education Courses

A minimum grade of C (2.0) is required for all professional education course work. A pre-service teacher may take a course only two times. Failure to obtain a C or better after two attempts will result in decertification.

Elementary pre-service teachers are subject to the following additional requirements: (1) Those who fail to meet the C (2.0) minimum requirement in two or more courses in Block I may not enroll in Block II until all courses in Block I are successfully completed. Those with less than a C in one course in Block I may continue to Block II. (2) Enrollment in Block III, the Advanced Practicum semester in which courses are offered only in a 10/12-week cycle, is limited to students who have achieved a minimum grade of C in all other professional course work. Block courses in which a student receives lower than a C must be repeated in the following semester. No student with course work to repeat or full-semester course work remaining, may enroll in Block III

I have read the above statement and understand the rules applying to the repetition of course work.

Signature

Date

Basic Skills Requirement

In order to be admitted to the teacher education program, you must have **attempted** all three sections (Reading, Math, and Writing) of the WEST-B, SAT, or ACT **OR** a combination of acceptable **official** West-B/ACT/SAT tests by April 15 of the year in which you apply. Official scores must be sent to the WSU Admission Office. Please fill in your testing information below. If you are not sure what date you took your WEST-B, SAT or ACT, check the box but do not fill in the test date. We can look in myWSU for your scores. The WEST-B/ACT/SAT does not need to be passed by the application deadline. We must receive verification of your attempts by April 15 of the year in which you apply.

Reading: West-B SAT ACT Test Date: _____

Math: West-B SAT ACT Test Date: _____

Writing: West-B SAT ACT Test Date: _____

Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Alternate Route Teacher Certification Program Requirements

Alternate route candidates, after acceptance to the program, agree to the following conditions and will adhere to the requirements of the program, including: (1) Complete the full amount and duration of the program with good attendance and grade achievement, (2) Remain at the current School District of employment until the end of the program, (3) File yearly Financial Aid/FAFSA forms, (4) Work with mentor teachers and cohort peers as part of a professional community, and (5) Be willing to participate in relevant research while in the program and up for two years following program completion.

I have read the above statements and understand these conditions.

Signature

Date

**Washington State University Tri-Cities
College of Education
Alternate Route Teacher Certification Program
Route 1 Employment Verification Form**

Requirement: Per the State of Washington's requirements for participants in a Route 1 teacher certification program, applicants must currently be employed as a paraprofessional in a participating school district. Applicants applying for ELL-IMPACT grant funding must be in a position that serves English Learners (ELs). Applicants must have served in this capacity for at least one (1) year by the time that they begin the alternate route program.

Name: _____ **WSU ID#:** _____

Place of work: _____	Grade level of students: _____
Start date: _____	End date: _____
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Supervisor: _____	Supervisor's job title: _____
School district: _____	Years worked with district: _____
Describe major duties: _____ _____	

Place of work: _____	Grade level of students: _____
Start date: _____	End date: _____
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Supervisor: _____	Supervisor's job title: _____
School district: _____	Years worked with district: _____
Describe major duties: _____ _____	

I hereby certify that the statements made on this form are true, and I understand and agree that any false information may be cause for denial of my admission to the Teacher Education Program. I give the College of Education permission to contact my employers identified on this form to verify my position and to confirm their recommendation of me for this program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

**Teacher Certificate Requirements, Alternative Route Teacher Certification Program
Washington State University Tri-Cities
College of Education**

_____	_____
Applicant's Name	Date
_____	_____
Elementary Education	Add-on Endorsement(s) Desired (Special Ed, ELL, Bilingual Ed)
_____	_____
Endorsement	

Assignment Provisions

The teacher certificate permits an individual to serve as a substitute or contracted teacher in their endorsed area in a Washington state classroom, except as stated in WAC 181-82-110.

General Certification Requirements

1. An individual must be at least 18 years of age to obtain a certificate (WAC 181-79A-150).
2. Applicants must give evidence of good character and personal fitness as specified in WAC 181-79A-155 and must obtain a background check from the Washington State Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation (RCW 28A.410.010).
3. An individual shall hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university which includes at least 30 semester hours of course work in the major. A candidate who holds a baccalaureate degree in Elementary Education needs to complete 20 semester hours in one academic field in an approved endorsement area pursuant to WAC 181-82A-202.
4. The individual shall complete a state approved teacher education program (WAC 181-79A-150).
5. Complete all required assessments (basic content pedagogy).

Residency Teacher Certificate

Upon successful completion of WSU's Teacher Education Program, the candidate will be issued a Residency Certificate (First Issue) with no expiration date. The first certificate issued is the Residency Certificate (First Issue), which is valid until the holder is reported as employed teacher with 1.5 FTE or more experience. This certificate must then be reissued with a three year expiration date.

WSU Requirements

For the Residency Teacher Certificate to be awarded, the applicant must complete an approved program of study with a cumulative WSU GPA of at least 2.50. In addition, the applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.50 in each the endorsement and the professional education core with no individual course grade below C. Elementary Education majors must also complete HD 101, MATH 251 and 252, HISTORY 110/111, HISTORY 120, POL_S 101/ECONS 101/ECONS 102, ENGLISH 201/301/ 402/[WRTG], 2 approved Science elective courses, SCIENCE 101 and 102 with a grade of a "C" or better. For transfer students with an AA degree, approved course work is also required in U.S. History, American government, economics, geography, and sciences with a grade of "C" or better.

Teacher candidates must complete all program requirements within five years of admission to the program. Those who do not complete all requirements within this timeframe will be subject to any new program requirements implemented after the admission term.

Affidavit	
I, _____, hereby certify (declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I have carefully read the foregoing document and do clearly understand the assignment provisions of the teaching certificate and the requirements which I must meet to obtain and maintain the teaching certificate which I seek.	
By signing this statement, I acknowledge that I have thoroughly read the <u>entire</u> Information and Consent Form, and am aware of <u>all</u> program and certification stipulations and requirements outlined in the Consent Form.	
_____	_____
Applicant's Signature	Date
_____	_____
Signature of Intake Personnel	Date