

## Master in Teaching Secondary Certification

<https://education.vancouver.wsu.edu/master-teaching-secondary-certification>

### Who should apply?

- Those interested in obtaining a secondary (grades 5-12) teaching credential in the area of Biology, English Language Arts, Mathematics, History, or Social Studies with a Master in Teaching degree.
  - If you are interested in a different endorsement area we may be able to accommodate. Contact Dan Overbay at [dan.overbay@wsu.edu](mailto:dan.overbay@wsu.edu) or 360.546.9673 for more information.

### What are the deadlines?

- **Application deadline: September 15 annually for January (spring semester) enrollment**
- **Final transcript evaluations for September 15 application: contact Dan Overbay**
- **Program begins: January annually**

### How is the program structured?

- The program begins annually in January (spring semester)
- The program involves a minimum of 40 semester hours of certification courses including a year-long field experience
- The Master in Teaching (MIT) degree requires a minimum of two additional courses beyond the certification coursework
- This program does NOT allow time for full-time employment. Students will need to be available during the week-day for field-based work and in the evenings for WSU classes.

#### Overview of Time Commitments

Semester	In Public School Classrooms	In WSU Courses
Spring	Day-time observations and/or research	Late afternoons and evening
Summer	None	During the day
Fall	Pre-Internship: 12 hours/week (minimum) during the school day	Late afternoons and evening
Spring	Student Teaching Internship: 5 days/week during the school day	Late afternoons and evenings

### Am I ready to apply?

- Request transcript evaluation if you believe you have completed at least half of the required prerequisite courses (*WSU students **do not** need to submit transcript copies*)
- Endorsement lists can be found at:  
<https://education.wsu.edu/undergradprograms/teachered/endorsements/list/>
- Go to <http://education.vancouver.wsu.edu/master-teaching-secondary-certification-admission-requirements> and download the Evaluation Request form (PDF)
- Send completed transcript evaluation form and unofficial transcripts to:
  - MIT-Secondary Program | College of Education
  - WSU Vancouver | 14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue | Vancouver, WA 98686
- Completed evaluations will be sent via e-mail. Evaluations may take four to six weeks

- The Department Application Portfolio will be sent to all candidates who have demonstrated they are or will be within two classes (six semester credits) of completing the required coursework by the January program start date
- Complete the basic skills requirement and pass NES/WEST-E content knowledge exam prior to the start of the program (see below)
- A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher, determined by the WSU Graduate School
- All applicants must have experience working with school age children (preferably in grades 5-12). For applicants with a 3.0 GPA or higher 30-60 hours is recommended, for those applicants with a GPA less than 3.0, 70-100 hours is recommended in a formal diverse educational environment (e.g. a public school classroom).

**Are there any tests I need to take? Testing websites:** [www.west.nesinc.com](http://www.west.nesinc.com) (WEST-B/SAT/ACT and NES/WEST-E)

*Yes. Testing will require two test dates so it is important to plan ahead. Official passing score reports must be sent to WSU Pullman (school code 240). **All scores must be on file by December 1 of the year of application.***

- Basic skills requirement—all sections (reading, writing, mathematics). The WEST-B/SAT/ACT (one test only) must be taken prior to application. See Academic Coordinator for details regarding basic skills completion.
- NES/WEST-E Content Area—measures the content knowledge required for the Washington secondary teaching certificate. A passing score of 220 for the NES or 240 for the WEST-E is required for admission

#### **How do I apply?**

- The Master in Teaching Secondary Application Portfolio is available from the Academic Coordinator upon satisfactory transcript evaluation of prior content area coursework. Contact Dan Overbay at [dan.overbay@wsu.edu](mailto:dan.overbay@wsu.edu) or 360.546.9673 for more information.
- Follow the two-step process listed in the application portfolio to apply to the Education Department and to the WSU Graduate School

***Information on this sheet is subject to change based on new university or state guidelines.***