Who should apply?
- Those interested in obtaining Elementary Teacher Certification
- Those who will complete all prerequisites prior to the start of the program June 2016

What are the deadlines?
- Priority application deadline: January 15
- Program begins: late June

How is the program structured?
- This is a cohort style, time-intensive program that begins annually in the summer session only
- This full-time program takes 2 years, including 2 summers, to complete
- Classes are typically offered during the day with an occasional evening course

Program Location:
- WSU Vancouver campus

What are the prerequisites?
- University Common Core requirements (UCORE) for Washington State University Vancouver or a transferable AA degree by direct transfer agreement (DTA)
- Minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average, as determined by the Admissions Office
- 80 hours of supervised work with children (completed by the application deadline January 15)
- English Composition—6 semester credits/9 quarter credits
- Human Development Across the Lifespan
- U.S. History—any broad-based time period
- Geography
- Economics
- American Government—usually found as an introductory political science course
- Math for Elementary School Teachers (one-year sequence)
- Science—12 semester/18 quarter credits, to include a minimum of one physical science, one biological science, and one lab science. Please see page 3 for details.
- Each prerequisite class must have a grade of "C" (2.0) or higher
- Contact Dan Overbay dan.overbay@vancouver.wsu.edu for the current prerequisite equivalency chart or for alternate course approval and unofficial transcript evaluations

Are there any tests I need to take?
Yes, teacher candidates must take the Washington Educator Skills Test/s. Testing website: www.west.nesinc.com
- The WEST-B Basic Skills exam (subtests for reading, writing, and math) must be taken prior to application deadline Jan 15 and passed prior to beginning to the program (June 1). SAT/ACT scores may be used in place of the WEST-B, contact advisor for more information.
- The NES (National Evaluation Series) for Elementary Education exam (both subtests for elementary education) must be taken by the end of the first fall semester and must be passed prior to student teaching (December 1 of Senior Year)

How do I apply?
- Complete instructions are located in the BA in Education Application Portfolio (PDF) (available August annually) at http://education.vancouver.wsu.edu/bachelor-arts-education-application-process-and-deadlines
In addition to the requirements listed on this document, students are required to fulfill the equivalent of WSU lower-division University Common Core Requirements (UCORE) or General Education Requirements (GERs) or to have an Associate of Arts or Sciences DTA (direct transfer agreement). The UCORE Capstone [CAPS] Class will be completed in the Senior year (T&L 490). GER Tier III Course must be completed by fall semester of the senior year (if needed). Contact a WSU Admissions Counselor for an evaluation of your UCORE or GER coursework.

Successful completion of both the course requirements and UCORE does not guarantee admission to the Teacher Preparation Program. In order to be considered for admission, students must submit a WSU Undergraduate Application (if not already a WSU student) as well as a Departmental Application Portfolio in accordance with departmental deadlines (see page 1).

### WSU UCORE/GER and Education Program Specific Prerequisites for admission to the 2016 Bachelor of Arts in Education / Teacher Preparation Program

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<td>English Composition [W] 6 Semester/9 quarter Credits</td>
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<td>Math for Elementary School Teachers 6 Semester credits or equivalent to Math 251 &amp; 252</td>
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<td>U.S. History (one course)</td>
<td>HIST 110 or HIST 111 preferred, will accept HIST 150 or HIST413</td>
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<td>American Government (one course)</td>
<td>POLS 101, POLS 300 or HD 410</td>
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<td>Geography (one course)</td>
<td>HIST120</td>
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*WSU note:* HIST 120 (or transfer equivalency) plus an approved U.S. history and American Government course will fulfill U.S. history, geography, American government, and economics prerequisite courses. NOTE: Students are encouraged to complete an economics course in preparation for passing the NES Elementary Education subtests.

**Geography**—At Clark College, GEOG&207, 220, 221, 222, or 223 will fulfill both the economics and geography requirements.
SCIENCE—12 semester credits/18 quarter credits) NOTE: science requirements might be different for 2016 and later programs; strongly recommended WSU elementary education science courses or equivalents should be completed to assist in passing the NES Elementary Education content exam. Please see Dan Overbay for exact science requirements.

+ A minimum of four science classes, each course being equivalent to 3-4 semester credits. EXCEPTION: Community college students may use three 5-credit quarter classes plus one 3-credit class to meet this requirement.

**Recommended science courses listed below**
+ At least one course must transfer as a biological science (BSCI).
+ At least one course must transfer as a physical science (PSCI).
+ At least one course must transfer as a lab science (L).
+ Two additional science courses (may be Biological or Physical Science)

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<th>WSU Elementary Education Science Courses</th>
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EXPERIENCE WITH CHILDREN
In addition to the course prerequisites listed on this sheet, students seeking admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Education program at WSU Vancouver must also have a minimum of **80 hours** of supervised experience working with school-aged children (K-8), preferably in a public school setting. These **80 hours** must have occurred within three years prior to application to the program. **This requirement must be completed by the January 15 application deadline.**

WEST-B EXAM  [www.west.nesinc.com](http://www.west.nesinc.com)
All students must [take all three sections](http://www.west.nesinc.com) (Reading, Mathematics, and Writing) of the state mandated basic skills test (WEST-B) **prior to application deadline** and must [pass all three sections prior to the program start date in June (June 1)](http://www.west.nesinc.com) to the Bachelor of Arts in Education program. Online registration, sample study questions and the Washington State Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs) link are available on the website. When registering, select WSU Pullman as the institution to receive official test score copies. SAT/ACT scores may be used in place of the WEST-B, contact advisor for more information.

NES EXAM for Elementary Education  [www.west.nesinc.com](http://www.west.nesinc.com)
All admitted undergraduate teacher certification students must pass both subtests of this exam **prior to beginning the student teaching (spring semester senior year) portion of the program.** Students are expected to take and pass this test by the fall term of their first year of the program. Online registration, study guide, sample questions and the Washington Endorsement Competencies link are available on the website. When registering, select WSU Pullman (school code: 240) as the institution to receive official test score copies.

NOTES
- Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to the start of the program.
- The application deadline is typically January 15 of each year—but students should be sure to follow the deadlines posted on the application materials. Admissions decisions are typically made in early to mid-April each year. The selection process usually involves on-campus candidate interviews.
- GPA: Prerequisite classes cannot be taken as P/F. All prerequisite courses must have a “C” (2.0) or higher grade. **Cumulative GPA (from WSU and community college coursework) must be 2.5** or higher for all prior coursework.
- Contact the WSU Vancouver Admissions Office for unofficial transcript evaluations: [http://studentaffairs.vancouver.wsu.edu/admissions](http://studentaffairs.vancouver.wsu.edu/admissions)

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