

Bachelor of Arts in Education 2018 Program Guide

<http://education.vancouver.wsu.edu/bachelor-arts-education>

Who should apply?

- Those interested in obtaining Elementary Teacher Certification (K-8)
- Those who will complete all prerequisites **prior to the start of the program June 2018**

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 (late June) 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?

- Completion of the University Common Core requirements (UCORE) for Washington State University Vancouver or a transferable AA degree by direct transfer agreement (DTA) prior to the start of the program in June
- 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@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 pass both the basic skills test (WEST-B/SAT/ACT) and the NES test for Elementary Education (both subtests).

Testing website: <http://www.west.nesinc.com/Home.aspx>

- 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 annually in August) at: <https://education.vancouver.wsu.edu/bachelor-arts-education>
- Please make sure to submit the correct application portfolio for the year in which you apply.

WSU UCORE/GER and Education Program Specific Prerequisites
for admission to the 2017 Bachelor of Arts in Education / Teacher Preparation Program

- **In addition to the requirements listed in 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 DTA (direct transfer agreement) prior to starting the program. 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).

REQUIREMENT	WSU SYSTEM	CLARK COLLEGE	CENTRALIA COLLEGE	LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE	PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
English Composition [W] 6 Semester/9 quarter Credits	ENG 101, ENG 201	ENGL&101 and &102	ENGL&101 and ENGL&102	ENGL&101 and &102,	WR 121, 122, & 123
Human Development Across the Lifespan	HD 101	PSYC&200	PSYC&200	PSYC 205 or &200	PSY 215
Math for Elementary School Teachers 6 Semester credits or equivalent to Math 251 & 252	MATH 251 & 252	MATH 122 & MATH 123 & MATH 124	MATH&131 and MATH&132	MATH&131 and MATH&132	MTH 211, 212, & 213
U.S. History (one course)	HIST 110 or HIST 111 preferred, will accept HIST 150 or HIST413 *See WSU note	HIST&146, or HIST&147, or HIST&148	HIST&146, or HIST&147, or HIST&148	HIST& 136 or HIST &137	HST 201, 202, or 203
American Government (one course)	POLS 101, POLS 300 or HD 410 *See WSU note	POLS 111	POLS&202	POLS&202 or 106	PS 201 or 202
Geography (one course)	HIST 120 *See WSU note	**GEOG&100, GEOG&102, GEOG&200, GEOG 205, or GEOG&207	GEOG 201 or GEOG&200	GEOG 105	GEO 105, 106, 107, 202, 208, 210, 214, or 250
Economics (one course)	ECON 101, 102 or 196 *See WSU note	**ECON 101, &201, &202	ECON&201 or &202,	ECON 105, &201 or &202	EC 115, 200, 201 or 202
Sciences (four courses) See science chart next page	****4 Sciences See science chart next page	****4 Sciences See science chart next page	****4 Sciences See science chart next page	****4 Sciences See science chart next page	****4 Sciences See science chart next page

*** 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 Courses required for the 2018 Bachelor of Arts in Education Teacher Preparation Program

******SCIENCES—12 semester credits/18 quarter credits**) **NOTE:** science requirements are different for 2018 and later programs. Some courses are now required and 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. **Please do not take other science classes not listed here.**

A minimum of **four science classes**, each course being equivalent to **3-4** semester credits.

Required and strongly recommended science courses listed below

At least one course must transfer as a biological science [BSCI]. Take BIOL 102 or BIOL&100 (required).

At least one course must transfer as a physical science [PSCI]. Take GEOL 101 or GEOL&101 (required).

At least one course must transfer as a lab science [L]. Both BIOL 102 & BIOL&100 and GEOL 101 & GEOL&101 are lab science courses.

Students should plan to take the **strongly recommended** courses unless there is a scheduling conflict or they have already taken one of the “accepted” courses listed below.

Two additional science courses (may be Biological or Physical Science), please see Academic Coordinator for approved courses.

Required and Strongly Recommended Science Courses

WSU Pullman Elementary Education Science Courses	WSU Vancouver	Clark College	Lower Columbia College	Centralia College	Portland Community College
Biological Science BIOL 102 General Biology	Biological Science BIOL 102 Required	Biological Science BIOL&100 Required	Biological Science BIOL&100 Required	Biological Science BIOL&100 Required	Biological Science BI 101 & BI 102 (4 qt. cr. ea.) Required
Physical Science GEOL101 Intro to Geology	Physical Science GEOL101 Required	Physical Science GEOL&101 Required	Physical Science GEOL&101 Required	Physical Science GEOL&101 Required	Physical Science G 201 Required
SCI101 Origins in the Natural World	Biological Science or Physical Science ASTRONOM 135 (Strongly Recommended) <i>BIOL 106 (accepted)</i>	Biological Science or Physical Science ASTR&101 (Strongly Recommended) PHSC 101 or PHSC 102 (accepted)	Biological or Physical Science ASTR&101 (Strongly Recommended) CHEM&110 (accepted)	Biological Science or Physical Science ASTR 127 (Strongly Recommended) CHEM&121 (accepted)	Biological Science or Physical Science PHY 121 (Strongly Recommended) PHY 122 (accepted)
SCI 102 Dynamic Systems in the Natural World	Biological Science or Physical Science ENVR_SCI 101 (Strongly Recommended) GEOL 210 (Accepted) GEOL 230 (Accepted)	Biological Science or Physical Science BIOL 101 (Strongly Recommended) PHYS&100 (and PHYS&101) (accepted) CHEM&110 (accepted)	Biological Science or Physical Science ENVS 215 (Strongly Recommended) PHSC 108 or 109 (accepted) ERSI 105 (accepted) ERSI 109 (accepted)	Biological Science or Physical Science ENVS&101 (Strongly Recommended) GEOL 102 (accepted) OCEA&101 (accepted)	Biological Science or Physical Science ESR 171 (Strongly Recommended) ESR 172 or 173 (accepted)

Questions? Contact Academic Coordinator Dan Overbay at 360.546.9673 or dan.overbay@wsu.edu

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 diverse 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

All students must **take all three sections** (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)** 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

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. This includes the UCORE or AA-DTA degree.
- 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>

Questions?

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