Who should apply?
- Those interested in obtaining Elementary Teacher Certification (K-8) and an endorsement in English Language Learners (ELL), Middle Level Mathematics, or Special Education (waiver portion only)
- Those who will complete all prerequisites prior to the start of the program June 2020

What are the deadlines?
- Priority application deadline: February 1
- 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, some semesters will include evening courses

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 in a formal educational setting (e.g. a diverse public school classroom) (completed by the application deadline February 1)
- 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 biological science, one physical science, and one lab science. Plus two additional approved science courses. 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).
- The WEST-B Basic Skills exam (subtests for reading, writing, and math) must be taken prior to application deadline February 1 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) usually available in the fall semester 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.
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).

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* WSU note: HIST 120 (or transfer equivalency, HIST&126 is equivalent to HIST 120 at WSU) 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 only, GEOG&207, 220, 221, 222, or 223 will fulfill both the economics and geography requirements.

****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

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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 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 February 1 application submission date.**

**Basic Skills test (WEST-B/SAT/ACT)  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 submission deadline** and must **pass all three sections by June 1** of the year of admission. 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. Teacher Candidates must **take both subtests by the end of 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 February 1 of each year—but students should be sure to follow the deadlines posted on the application materials. Admissions decisions are typically be made in early to mid-April each year. The selection process may involve an on-campus interview.
- 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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