

# Master in Teaching Elementary Certification

<http://education.vancouver.wsu.edu/master-teaching-elementary-certification>

## Who should apply?

- Those interested in obtaining Elementary Teacher Certification (grades K-8)
- Those who already have a bachelor's degree

## What are the deadlines?

- **Preferred application submission date is December 1 (application window is December 1-January 15)**
- **Program begins: annually in early May**

## How is the program structured?

- This is a master's degree program which begins once a year in summer term (early May)
- Program requires 56 semester credits of coursework including a year-long field experience
- Courses are currently offered during the day
- Program may be taken full-time (15 months) or part-time (27 months)

## What are the prerequisite courses?

- U.S. History—any broad-based time period
- Geography—physical, world, cultural or economic geography is recommended
- Economics—introduction, micro, or macro
- American Government—most often found as an introductory political science course
- Math (one course, numbered 100 or higher. A GRE score of 500 or higher will suffice. **WSU MATH251 and 252 (math for elementary teachers is strongly recommended.)**)
- Science (one physical and one biological science—one of which includes a lab) Intro to biology and intro to physical science are highly recommended. BIOL 102 and GEOL 101 (at WSU Vancouver) or BIOL&100 and GEOL&101 at Clark College & Lower Columbia College are strongly recommended. See Academic Coordinator for all other courses.
- Each prerequisite class must have a grade of "C" (2.0) or higher
- Students must have a 3.0 GPA in undergraduate graded course work as evaluated by the WSU Graduate School

## Are there any tests I need to take?

Yes. Testing website: [www.west.nesinc.com](http://www.west.nesinc.com)

- The following are admission requirements. Testing will require two test dates so it is important to plan ahead as WSU Pullman (school code 240) must receive official test scores by **March 1** of the admit year.
  - WEST-B Basic skills exam—all sections (reading, writing, mathematics), or satisfactory scores on the SAT/ACT
  - NES Elementary Education—both subtests measure the content knowledge required for the Washington elementary teaching certificate. Testing website: <http://www.west.nesinc.com>

## How do I apply?

- The Master in Teaching - Elementary Portfolio (PDF) application packet is available online (<https://education.vancouver.wsu.edu/master-teaching-elementary-certification>) or from the College of Education
  - Follow the two-step process listed in the portfolio application packet to apply to the College of Education and to the WSU Graduate School
- Submit official transcripts directly to the WSU Graduate School (one from each college or university attended)
- Complete remaining prerequisite courses prior to the start of the program (annually in mid-May)

## Required Prerequisite Courses

- The following prerequisites are required by the State of Washington for elementary certification. The WSU Education Department requires the prerequisites for admission. These are often lower-division courses completed in the first or second years of college. Courses completed as Advanced Placement in high school may fulfill prerequisites. Official AP test results must be submitted. The following table offers suggestions where students may fulfill prerequisites in the local area. Documentation of completed courses must be provided to the College of Education at WSU Vancouver before MIT-Elementary classes begin.

Prerequisite	Washington State University	Clark College	Lower Columbia College	Portland Community College	Mt. Hood Community College
<b>Math</b>	any 100+ MATH (Math 251 and 252 preferred), or PSY 311, or GRE score 500+	any 100+ MATH, Math 122, 123 and 124 preferred	any 100+ MATH, Math 131 and 132 preferred	any 100+ MATH, MTH 211, 212, & 213 preferred	any 100+ MATH, MTH 211, 212, & 213 preferred
<b>Science</b>	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below
<b>U.S. History (any broad time period)</b>	HIST 110, 111, 150, 314, 349, 413, 415, 418, or 419	HIST&146 or HIST&147 or HIST&148	HIST&136 or HIST&137	HST 201, 202, or 203	HST 201, 202, or 203
<b>American Government</b>	POLS 101, 300, or HD 410	POLS 111 or 171	POLS&202 or 106	PS 201 or 202	PS 201
<b>Geography**</b>	GENED110 and GENED111, or HIST120, or HIST 495, or ANTH 309	GEOG&100, GEOG&102, GEOG&200 or GEOG&207 are preferred. Will accept 220, 221, 222, or 223	GEOG 105	GEO 105, 106, 107, 202, 208, 210, 214, or 250	GEOG 105, 106, 107, or 214
<b>Economics (introduction, macro, or micro)</b>	ECON 101, 102 or 196	ECON 101, or 201, or 202 or &201 or &202	ECON 105 or &201 or &202	EC 115, 200, 201, or 202	EC 201, 202, or 203

- Students must earn a "C" (2.0) or better. Prerequisite classes cannot be taken as Pass/Fail.
- Applicants must have a **physical science** and a **biological science**, as well as **one lab** in their prior college course work. BIOL 102 and GEOL 101 (at WSU Vancouver) or BIOL&100 and GEOL&101 at Clark College & Lower Columbia College are strongly recommended. See Academic Coordinator for all other courses.
- The equivalent of six semester credits of world civilization may transfer to fulfill the geography prerequisite.
- \*\*Geography**—At Clark College, **GEOG&207, 220, 221, 222, or 223** will fulfill both the economics and geography requirements.
- Contact Academic Coordinator Dan Overbay for unofficial transcript evaluations or other questions [dan.overbay@wsu.edu](mailto:dan.overbay@wsu.edu) or **360-546-9673**