

Adding an Endorsement (*Updated 5/1/2015*)
Pathway 2 – Testing and Pedagogy Assessment
Washington State University Vancouver
Department of Teaching and Learning

What is Pathway 2?

Pathway 2 involves passing the WEST-E test (www.west.nesinc.com) and successful college-administered pedagogy assessment in the endorsement being added, as outlined by the Professional Educator Standards Board (<http://www.pesb.wa.gov/>). Below is the list of approved endorsements available at Washington State University.

Who is eligible?

Certified teachers who have a *minimum* of 90 days experience in their *current* endorsement area. Or, elementary education teachers who have not been employed in a K-8 elementary position and want to add Middle Level Math or Middle Level Science (90 days of experience is not required).

What Pathway 2 endorsements are offered at Washington State University Vancouver?

<u>If you currently have:</u>	<u>You may add:</u>
Designated Science: Biology	Middle Level Math, Middle Level Science
Designated Science: Chemistry	Mathematics, Middle Level Math, Middle Level Science
Designated Science: Earth and Space Science	Middle Level Math, Middle Level Science
Designated Science: Physics	Mathematics, Middle Level Math, Middle Level Science
*Elementary Ed	Middle Level Math, Middle Level Science Reading
English Language Arts	Social Studies, History
History	English Language Arts
Mathematics	Middle Level Mathematics Physics
Science	Middle Level Science
Social Studies	English Language Arts
Special Ed	Elementary Ed

**90 Day requirement is waived for Elementary Ed endorsed teachers adding ML Math or ML Science*

What is the cost?

The current cost is found:

<http://education.wsu.edu/studentservices/endorsements/path2/index.html>

2014-2015 academic year:

Washington State University's Pathway 2 Endorsement program costs \$1400.

How do I get started?

- Contact Washington State University:
Staci Bickelhaupt
509-335-8146
sbickel@wsu.edu
- Complete a [Program Application](#)
- Pass the content exam in the desired endorsement and request official scores be sent to WSU (recipient code 4705).
 - For WEST-E information visit: www.west.nesinc.com
- Complete OSPI forms [1522F](#) and [4422](#) (both need to be signed by your district superintendent or personnel director). The forms are available at each campus.
- Contact your building administrator or Human Resources Department to identify a mentor teacher and secure permission to practice teach in the new content area, with supervision from the mentor teacher. The mentor teacher must hold an endorsement and be teaching in the area you are seeking.¹
- Schedule and attend pre-observation sessions with your WSU-assigned supervisor, mentor teacher and building administrator. Prepare products as outlined in the Performance-Based Pedagogy Assessment (PPA). You may review this instrument at:
<http://education.wsu.edu/studentservices/endorsements/path2/PedagogyAssessment.pdf>

What are the requirements once I start?

- Arrange with your building administrator to practice teach in the content area in desired endorsement.
- Be observed teaching in the new endorsement area by the WSU supervisor a minimum of two times and a maximum of four times. **Please note:** All competencies on the PPA must be demonstrated within four observations for the endorsement to be added. If all competencies are not demonstrated within this time period, the endorsement request will be denied.
- Scheduling the administration of the PPA typically takes 8-12 weeks.

What are the deadlines?

- You may start in any semester, depending on scheduling of your PPA with your supervisor.

¹Mentor teachers certified prior to 1987 must be "Highly Qualified."