

# Master in Teaching Elementary Certification

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

## Who should apply?

- Those interested in obtaining Teacher Certification in Elementary Education (grades K-8)

## 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 graduate program which begins once per year in early May (summer) and leads to the Master in Teaching (MIT) degree
- Program requires 53 semester credits of coursework including a year-long field experience (student teaching internship)
- Courses are currently offered during the day
- Program may be taken full-time (15 months) or part-time (27 months)

## What are the academic requirements to apply?

- **An earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university (must be completed prior to program start)**
- **Passage of the NES for Elementary Education (both subtests); a score of 220 on each subtest is required to pass**
  - Applicants to the MIT-Elementary program must pass both subtests of the Elementary Education NES **prior to admission**. Passing scores demonstrate the candidate has the necessary content knowledge adopted by Washington Professional Educator Standards Board. Admission will not be considered without passing NES scores.
- **All applicants must have a 3.0 GPA undergraduate GPA as evaluated by the WSU Graduate School**

**All applicants must have experience working with school age children in a formal educational environment. K-8 Classroom experience is most preferred. See Academic Coordinator for more details of this requirement.**

## Are there any tests I need to take?

Yes. 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 a 240 or higher on each subtest is required to pass), or satisfactory scores on the SAT/ACT, see Academic Coordinator for details regarding using the SAT/ACT to meet this requirement.
- NES Elementary Education—the two subtests (a score of 220 or higher is required to pass) measure the content knowledge required for the Washington elementary education endorsement. Testing website: <http://www.west.nesinc.com>

## How do I apply?

- The Master in Teaching - Elementary Application 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)

## Recommended Content Courses

- The College of Education recommends the content courses listed in the table below for the elementary education endorsement. The following table offers suggestions where students may take these courses in the local area. These courses provide content that will be assessed on the mandatory NES for Elementary Education test.

Prerequisite	Washington State University	Clark College	Lower Columbia College	Portland Community College	Mt. Hood Community College
<b>Math</b>	Any college level mathematics course Math 251 and 252 preferred	Any college level mathematics course Math 122, 123 and 124 preferred	Any college level mathematics course MATH&131 & MATH&132 preferred	Any college level mathematics course MTH 211, 212, & 213 preferred	Any college level mathematics course MTH 211, 212, & 213 preferred
<b>U.S. History (any broad time period)</b>	HIST 110, 111, or 150	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	POLS 111	POLS&202	PS 202	PS 201
<b>Geography</b>	HIST120, HIST 495, or ANTH 309	GEOG&100, GEOG&102, or GEOG&200	GEOG 105	GEO 105, 106, or 107	GEOG 105, 106, or 107
<b>Economics (introduction, macro, or micro)</b>	ECON 101 or 102	ECON 101, or ECON&201 or ECON&202	ECON 105 or ECON&201 or ECON&202	EC 115, 200, 201, or 202	EC 201, 202, or 203
<b>Biological Science</b>	BIOL 102 or SOE 110	BIOL&100 or BIOL&160	BIOL&100 or BIOL&160	BI 101	BI 101
<b>Physical Science</b>	SOE 101 or ASTRONOM 135	GEOL&101 or PHSC 101	GEOL&101 or ERSI 105	G 101	G 101

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