

Woodring College of Education

Department of Special Education

Additional Endorsement Program

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This program, delivered on the Western Washington University main campus in Bellingham, and at the Teacher Education Outreach Program sites in Bremerton, Seattle and Everett, is designed for teachers who hold a valid Washington State teaching certificate and wish to obtain an additional endorsement in Special Education (P-12). The program provides coherent preparation in all areas of the Special Education curriculum as well as practical experience. Successful completion of the entire program results in Western's recommendation for the P-12 Special Education Endorsement.

Admission & Retention

Admission to the Woodring College of Education Special Education Endorsement Program is required before a student may begin taking courses. Requirements include:

- Washington state teaching certificate
- Cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher overall or for the last 45 quarter credits or 30 semester credits.
- Pre-admission interview

Retention in the program requires continuous demonstration of competence in standard oral and written English in all course work. Retention also requires maintenance of a 2.75 quarterly GPA for each quarter after admission to the program. The state of Washington requires students to earn a "C" or better in all endorsement courses and WWU extends this requirement to all professional education courses.

Foundation Courses

- ▼ SPED 360 Introduction to Special Education (4) *also available online*
- ▼ SPED 417X Supportive Learning Environments (4) *available online or*
- Δ SPED 460 Universal Interventions for Classroom Management (3) *and*
- Δ SPED 420 Effective Teaching (4)

Endorsement Requirements

- * **SPED 483 Reading Instruction For Students with Special Needs (4)**
- * **SPED 471 Interventions For Learning Problems (4)**
- * **SPED 466 Assessment Evaluation & IEP (4)**
- * **SPED 467 Curriculum-Based Evaluation (4) Pre-Req to SPED 484, SPED 485**
- * **SPED 472 Behavior Assessment & Intervention (4)**
- * **SPED 484 Written Expression Instruction for Students w/Special Needs (4)**
- SPED 485 Math Instruction for Students with Special Needs (4)**
- SPED 468 Families, Professionals & Exceptional Children (4)**
- SPED 474 Students with Complex Special Needs (4)**
- SPED 390 SPED Practicum I (3)
- SPED 480 SPED Practicum II (1-3)
- SPED 481 SPED Practicum III (1-3)
- SPED 482 SPED Practicum IV (1-3)
- Δ SPED 473 Promoting Resiliency in Vulnerable Students (3)
- Δ SPED 470 Violent and Aggressive Youth (3)
- SPED 441a-m Analysis & Strategies of Teaching Practicum (1-5)

Symbol Key

* Must be completed as part of the 24 credit pre-endorsement waiver to teach Special Education

Δ Classes held on Bellingham campus only

▼ Class is a pre-requisite, upon advisement

All classes in **bold** are required endorsement classes.

Special Education Additional Endorsement Information

Location – This program is delivered on the Western Washington University main campus in Bellingham and at our Teacher Education Outreach Program sites in Bremerton, Seattle and Everett.

Application and Admission – You must apply for and be accepted into the Woodring College of Education Special Education Endorsement program. Contact the Program Coordinator at (360) 650-2425.

Registration Route–Bellingham and Everett -

SPAN: Register for courses on a space available basis.

http://www.acadweb.wvu.edu/eesp/span_programs.shtml

Registration Route-Bremerton and Seattle - Once admitted, students will either register online or with a paper registration form provided by the site program coordinator.

Special Education Class Schedules-Bellingham – In order to accommodate the working schedules of professional teachers, we offer late afternoon and evening classes in addition to day time classes. Please visit the WWU website at www.wvu.edu and link to “Class Finder” to access these schedules. Some online classes are available.

Special Education Class Schedules-Bremerton, Seattle, and Everett– Classes are held in the evening, generally from 5:00pm – 9:00pm, at the host community college. Check with the Special Education Endorsement Program Coordinator for available classes.

Advising – Contact the Special Education Endorsement Program Coordinator for advising. 360-650-2425.

Pre-Endorsement Waiver

– You may apply to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction after completing at least 24 credits in the designated (*) coursework for an out-of-endorsement waiver. This waiver allows you to be employed by a requesting school district as a special education teacher while you complete the remainder of your endorsement program. Those granted a waiver have up to 5-years to complete the remainder of the endorsement, up to 45-credits. Contact the Certification Office at (360) 650-4630 for further information or visit the OSPI website at

<http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/waivers.aspx> for directions and forms for applying.

Financial Aid- <http://www.finaid.wvu.edu/>

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