

Woodring College of Education

Department of Special Education
Special Education Post Baccalaureate
Certification Program

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The post baccalaureate program in Special Education leads to a Washington State teacher certification with an endorsement in Special Education P-12. The program is designed for students who have already earned 4-year degrees. The post baccalaureate program in Special Education consists of approximately 35 credits of general certification coursework, 58 credits of special education courses, and a 16-credit internship in a Special Education classroom.

The courses for this program are offered in a prescribed sequence. Post baccalaureate students may have taken courses for their Bachelor degrees that can be substituted for courses in the Special Education certification and endorsement sequence. For further information, please speak with a Special Education adviser by calling (360) 650-3330.

Admission & Retention

Admission to Western Washington University and admission to Special Education are required before a student may begin taking courses in education. Requirements include:

- cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher overall or for the last 45 credits.
- acceptable WEST-B scores. This test is offered 6 times a year at various sites in the state. Visit the WEST-B website at www.west.nesinc.com for more information. *Check with Teacher Education Admissions, Miller Hall 250.*

Enrollment restrictions apply in all teacher education programs. Meeting the above criteria makes the applicant *eligible* for admission, but *does not guarantee* admission. Students who meet all criteria are further evaluated by the department to determine the most qualified applicants. For application information, visit Teacher Education Admissions, Miller Hall 250, (360) 650-3313 or visit the website at www.wce.wvu.edu/depts/sped.

Retention in the program requires continuous demonstration of competence in standard oral and written English in all coursework. Retention also requires maintenance of a 2.75 quarterly GPA for each quarter after admission to Special Education. The State of Washington requires students to earn a "C" or better in all major endorsement and education courses.

Certification Advisement

Each student will be assigned an adviser when admitted to the Department of Special Education. Students will be assisted and monitored by their advisers on a regular basis throughout their programs.

Washington State requires individuals seeking teacher certification, and teachers wishing to add an endorsement, to pass the West-E/Praxis II subject knowledge assessment for the chosen endorsement(s). For details, visit the Woodring WEST-E/Praxis II website: www.wce.wvu.edu/Resources/Endorsements/WEST-EPraxis.shtml

Coursework in the P-12 Special Education Professional Sequence (2009-2010 Catalog)

Suggested sequence of coursework

Psychological, Philosophical, and Instructional Foundations (25 credits)

EDUC 301	Educational Psychology I: Development and Individual Differences (4)
EDUC 302	Educational Psychology II: Motivation, Learning, and Assessment (4)
EDUC 310	The Teacher & the Social Order (4)
SPED 420	Effective Teaching (4)
SPED 440	School Practicum (4)
IT 443	Classroom Use of Instructional Technology (3) (Prereq: IT 344 or portfolio)
HLED 455	Health Education Grades K-8 (2)

Special Education Major & Professional Certification (58 credits)

SPED 360	Introduction to Special Education (4)
SPED 390	Special Education Practicum I (3)
SPED 460	Interventions for Classroom Management (4)
SPED 466	Assessment, Evaluation, & IEP (4)
SPED 467	Curriculum-Based Evaluation (4)
SPED 468	Families, Professionals, & Exceptional Children (4)
SPED 471	Interventions for Learning Problems (4)
SPED 472	Behavior Assessment & Intervention (4)
SPED 474	Students with Complex Special Needs (4)
SPED 480	Special Education Practicum II: Literacy 1 (3)
SPED 481	Special Education Practicum III: Literacy 2 (3)
SPED 482	Special Education Practicum IV: Math (3)
SPED 483	Reading Instruction for Students with Special Needs (4)
SPED 484	Designing Written Expression Interventions (4)
SPED 485	Designing Math Interventions (4)
SPED 486	Case Study Applications in Special Education (2)

Electives

Electives under advisement from Special Education

Additional Professional Certification Coursework (8-9 credits)

ELED 424	Language Arts in the Elementary Curriculum (4)
or ENG 440	Teaching English Language Arts in the Elementary School (5)
MATH 381	Teaching K-8 Mathematics I (4)

Internship (one quarter) (16 credits)

SPED 498	Internship – Exceptional Children/Elementary (16)
or SPED 499	Internship – Exceptional Children/Secondary (16)

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