

Reading Endorsement

Department of Elementary Education Western Washington University

Why should I get a reading endorsement?

Developing the competencies that lead to a reading endorsement on your certificate provides you with the opportunity to further your knowledge and skills for literacy instruction. You will deepen your knowledge of language and literacy learning, while building your capacity for helping all children achieve as readers and writers.

Who is eligible for the reading endorsement?

Teacher candidates and teachers who hold an endorsable teaching certificate. The following information is developed particularly for WWU students who are currently in a teacher education program or who have recently graduated.

What do I need to do to get the reading endorsement?

In order to receive recommendation for the endorsement, applicants must:

- File a Plan of Study with the Department of Elementary Education
- Get a satisfactory grade (B or better) in the required WWU courses or their approved equivalents (within the last 5 years)
- Provide evidence of meeting each competency by completing the Reading Endorsement Worksheet, final reflection of learning, and defense to the reading faculty
- Receive a passing score on the state WEST-E subject knowledge test

Where can I find the Reading Endorsement Worksheet?

It may be downloaded here, in [PDF](#) or [WORD](#) format.

What are the required courses for the reading endorsement?

At least **one** WWU course from each of the following categories (see next page for course titles):

Beginning and Emergent Communicators	Proficient/Fluent Communicators	Language Development	Materials for Diverse Literacy Learners	Literacy Assessment	Planning and Instruction
ELED 480 ELED 587	ELED 481 ELED 584	ELED 489 ELED 589 TESL 401 TESL 402 ENG 370 LING 201	ELED 405 ELED 583	ELED 538 Submit <i>Notice of Intent to Pursue Reading Endorsement</i> before registering	ELED 486 ELED 586 Must be taken quarter after ELED 538

Who do I talk to if I have questions about the reading endorsement?

Questions can be addressed to any of the following:

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Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Teacher candidates must also complete a professional education program and a qualifying endorsement in another content area. Each required course must be completed with a grade of B (3.0) or better within the 5 years prior to endorsement application.

Course substitutions must be clearly noted.

Completed ✓	Reading Endorsement (minimum 24 credits + Demonstration of Competencies)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELED 480 Literacy II: Beginning Communicators (5); or <input type="checkbox"/> ELED 587 Improvement of Instruction in Literacy (4)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELED 481 Literacy III: Fluent Communicators (5); or <input type="checkbox"/> ELED 584 Teaching the Integrated Language Arts (4)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELED 489 Language Structure and Reading Development (4); or <input type="checkbox"/> ELED 589 Language Acquisition and Literacy Development(4); or <input type="checkbox"/> TESL 401 Introduction to English Linguistics for TESOL (4); or <input type="checkbox"/> TESL 402 English Grammar for TESOL (5); or <input type="checkbox"/> TESL 410 Second Language Acquisition Theory for TESOL (4); or <input type="checkbox"/> ENG 370 Introduction to Language (5) <input type="checkbox"/> LING 201 Introduction to Linguistics Science (5)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELED 405 Books and Materials for Elementary Schools (4); or <input type="checkbox"/> ELED 583 Literacy and Children’s Literature (4)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELED 538 Current Issues in Assessment and Evaluation in Elementary Literacy Education (4)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELED 486 Literacy Difficulties in the K-12 Classroom (4); or <input type="checkbox"/> ELED 586 Seminar for Reading Specialists (4)
	Reading Endorsement Competency Demonstration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement Worksheet Complete • Successful Defense
	Applicable Washington Educator Skills Test – Endorsement (WEST-E)

 Endorsement Advisor Signature

 Date