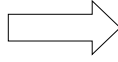


I want to become a teacher... where do I start?

1. Decide what *subject* you want to teach.
2. Decide which *age level* you want to teach.



There are over **30 different endorsements** (or teachable subjects) in Washington State, from Elementary Education to Visual Arts. Think about the classes you have liked best; chances are you will be most successful (and happy!) teaching a subject you enjoy and know well.

What type of setting do you want to teach in? Do you enjoy working more with small children or young adults?

- **Elementary teachers** usually teach all subject areas (English, Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies)
- **Middle and High-School teachers** usually focus on one particular subject area (such as Biology).
- **Specialist teachers** (Music, Art, Drama, Technology, Special Education) are typically certified in all grade levels and can teach in various settings.
- **Early Childhood:** Some universities offer an endorsement in P-3 for those interested in focusing on early childhood teaching. If students want to work in a childcare or daycare setting, they are not typically required to complete a Bachelor degree but could complete a 1 year certificate program or 2 year professional technical degree in Early Childhood Education here at Bellevue College (*note: the Early Childhood program at BC does not transfer to a Bachelor degree program or lead to teacher certification*)



Which degree from Bellevue College will help me become a teacher?

- Bellevue College **does not** have a teacher certification program. However, students can complete the first two years of general education and education prerequisites while fulfilling degree requirements for the **Associate in Arts and Sciences** transfer degree. Regardless of your certification or specialty, every teacher in Washington State must have a **Bachelor's** degree from an accredited institution.
- Those interested in Middle or High School Math Teaching can follow the **Associate in Math Education** degree.

What are some common prerequisites that I'll need to take here?

Every university's teacher education program will require slightly different prerequisites. It is **highly recommended** that you speak with a representative at the target university in conjunction with an academic advisor here at BC to ensure that you are taking the proper course sequence. Below is a general guide to the types of classes **RECOMMENDED** for students interested in teaching.

All Teachers could take:

EDUC&205, PSYC&100, ENGL 101 and 201, and
2-3 college quarters (or high school years) of the same **foreign language**
PLUS:

Elementary Teachers †*

- ◆ MATH& 131 and MATH&132 Math for Elementary Teachers
- ◆ CMST& 220 Public Speaking
- ◆ HIST&146 US History
- ◆ PSYC&200 or EDUC 115
- ◆ BIOL& 100L or CHEM& 121L
- ◆ GEOG 100, POLS 202, ECON 100
- ◆ ENGL 223 Children's Literature

Math Teachers

- ◆ MATH& 141,142, 151, 152, 153 (254, 208 are also recommended)
- ◆ CMST& 220
- ◆ BIOL&100L or CHEM& 121L

Science Teachers

- ◆ MATH& 141, 142, 151, 152
- ◆ CHEM& 140L, 161L, 162L, 163L
- ◆ BIOL& 160L, 211L, 212L, 213L

Social Studies/English Teachers

- ◆ College-level Math
- ◆ English, history, political science, international studies, geography courses

† If time permits, consider taking an Art, Dance, Drama, or Music class as one of your Humanities or Electives.

*The classes on this list are strongly recommended, but not all required. Check with your target university to confirm!

What do I do once I transfer from Bellevue College?

After you complete your Associate in Arts and Sciences degree, there are three different pathways you can take to obtain teacher certification in Washington State.

Pathway 1: Bachelor's degree in education (such as a B.A. in Elementary Education or Physical Education). These programs combine both a 4-year degree and a teaching certificate into one program.

Time at University: 2+ years

Special Considerations: You typically must take the West-B exam (www.west.nesinc.com) before you are admitted to a certification program.

CWU, WWU,
EWU, PLU,
UW Bothell,
CityU

Pathway 2: Bachelor's Degree in any area + teacher certification program.

This more flexible option allows prospective teachers to major in a subject at the 4-year level (such as Psychology or Math) and then receive an endorsement/certification in any teaching area.

Time at University: 3+ years (generally 2 years for a Bachelor's and 1 year for teacher certification)

Special Considerations: This option is best for those who are undecided about being a teacher and who want to keep future career options open.

UW Bothell,
SPU, Seattle U,
WWU, EWU,
PLU, CWU

Pathway 3: Bachelor's Degree in any Area + Master's in Teaching. Similar to pathway 2, this option allows a teacher to major in a subject at the 4-year level and then receive teacher training/certification through a Master's degree.

Time at University: 4+ years (2 years for Bachelor's and 2 years for Master's)

Special Considerations: Teachers with Master's degrees tend to have higher salaries.

UW Seattle,
any school with
M.I.T. program

Bachelor Degree Programs—Teacher Education in Washington State (specific program options vary)

Note: This list does not include Masters in Teaching programs.

Local:

1. **Central Washington University**-Des Moines (Prereqs: EDUC 205, Math 131 and Math 132, PSYC 100, 200, ECED 191)
BA in Elementary/ Early Childhood Education (need EDUC 115)
BA in Elementary/ TESOL
BA in Elementary/Middle Level Math--need Math138 or141/142
2. **City University of Seattle**-Seattle, Everett
3. **Northwest University**-Kirkland
4. **Seattle Pacific University**
5. **Seattle University**
6. **University of Washington**-Bothell
7. **Western Washington University**-North Seattle, Everett
8. **WGU Washington** (Online)

Elsewhere in the State:

1. **Central Washington University**- Ellensburg, Wenatchee, Pierce County, Yakima
2. **Heritage University**-Moses Lake, Yakima
3. **Washington State University**-Pullman, Richland, Vancouver†
4. **City University of Seattle** -Tacoma, Longview, Vancouver, Centralia, Port Angeles, Aberdeen
5. **Eastern Washington University**-Cheney
6. **Saint Martin's University**-Olympia
7. **Western Washington University**-Bellingham
8. **Pacific Lutheran University** –Tacoma
9. **Walla Walla University**-Walla Walla
10. **Whitworth University**-Spokane

Who To Contact for More Information:

To make an appointment with an academic advisor, call **425-564-2212**

Need more career information? Schedule an appointment with a Career Services Specialist by calling **425-564-2279**.

Helpful Resources for Future Teachers:

Washington State Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB)- find pathways to teaching and state-approved teacher preparation programs <http://www.pesb.wa.gov/>

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)- look up Washington teacher certification requirements <http://www.k12.wa.us/>

Additional Washington State Teacher Certification info for out of state teachers <http://www.k12.wa.us/Certification/Teacher/TeacherOut-of-State.aspx#content>

WOIS/The Career Information System- <https://www.wois.org/use/careers/viewer.cfm?ocnum=100309>

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