

Bachelor of Arts in Education

Elementary Education

CWU at Kent

A University in Your Community

Central Washington University's teacher certification program at Green River Community College is designed to meet the needs of time and placebound students and the state's need for highly qualified math and science teachers. Graduates of this program will earn a baccalaureate degree with teacher certification in Elementary Education and Middle-level Science.

This six-quarter, full-time program is a collaboration between CWU-Des Moines and Green River Community College and offered at Green River's Kent Campus at Kent Station. A cohort of students will begin classes each fall quarter and run continuously, including summer quarter. Fall through spring quarter classes are held in the late afternoon and early evening; summer schedules vary with classes held during the day. Students complete the program winter quarter of their second year and are encouraged to use spring quarter to get a jump start searching for permanent employment and/or for substitute teaching. Students who complete the prerequisites in two years at a community college earn teaching certificates in about 21 months, which is one quarter earlier than many certification programs.

Central Washington University's teacher preparation program is accredited regionally and nationally. CWU promotes student understanding of scientific concepts relevant to the individual and to society, and fosters an appreciation of scientific inquiry. Students obtain a broad education covering a variety of content disciplines. Our constructivist teaching philosophy, curriculum, and facilities support a rich education experience with small class sizes, hands-on experience, regular interaction with expert faculty, and opportunities for research. Through cooperative partnerships with local school districts, students have the opportunity to develop practical teaching skills in real classrooms. Graduates of this program will become teachers who are leaders in science education reform efforts.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Meet CWU's general education requirements through a community college direct transfer agreement (DTA), bachelor's degree, or equivalent from any state accredited college or university.
2. Admission to CWU at least three months prior to the start of the program. You can apply online at www.applyweb.com/apply/cwu/index.html.
3. Admission to CWU's Teacher Preparation Program (www.cwu.edu/~cert for the application process and materials), including a minimum GPA of 3.0 for the most recent 45 quarter credits, and passing all portions of the WEST-B test. Testing dates and information are available online at www.west.nesinc.com.
4. Admission to the CWU at Kent program. This requires a supplemental application which can be downloaded at www.cwu.edu/kent.

CURRICULUM

To obtain a BAEd in Elementary Education from this program, students need to enroll in and complete the Professional Education Program, Elementary Education Major, and Middle Level Science Teaching Minor (see catalog at www.cwu.edu/catalogs for details). Students must complete the prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or better prior to being admitted to the program.

Prerequisite Courses

Credits

The following courses or the community college equivalent should be completed before being admitted to the program.

BIOL 101	Fundamentals of Biology	5
CHEM 101	Contemporary Chemistry	5
EDF 301	Teaching: An Orientation	3
GEOL 101	Physical Geology	
or GEOL 102	Geology of National Parks	4
GEOL 101LAB	Physical Geology Laboratory	1
PHYS 101	Introductory Astronomy I	5
PHYS 106	Physics Inquiry.	5
PSY 101	General Psychology	5
MATH 130	Finite Mathematics	5
MATH 164	Foundations of Arithmetic.....	5
MATH 250	Intuitive Geometry for Elementary Teachers.....	4

Professional Education

EDCS 300	Pre-Autumn Field Experience	4
EDCS 311	Teaching: Classroom Management and Assessment	5
EDCS 316	Educational Technology	3
EDCS 431	Multicultural Education	3
EDCS 442	Student Teaching.....	16
EDCS 444	Educational Issues and Law	3
EDF 301A	Introduction to Teacher Education.....	1
EDSE 302	Introduction to Students with Exceptionalities.....	4
PSY 314	Human Development and the Learner	4
PSY 315	Educational Psychology	4

Major

ART 330	Art in the Elementary School	4
EDEL 323	Teaching Elementary School Mathematics	4
EDEL 420	Methods and Materials in the Social Sciences -Elementary	3
EDLT 308	Literacy I.....	3
EDLT 309	Literacy II.....	5
EDLT 420	Teaching the Language Arts	4
EDLT 421	Teaching Children’s Literature.....	3
HED 446	Health Education Curriculum for Elementary Teachers.....	3
MUS 326	Music in the Classroom.....	3
PE 334	Physical Education Activities for the Elementary School.....	3
SCED 322	Science Education in the Elementary School	4
	Department-approved electives.....	7

Minor

EDCS 482	Instruction and Assessment for the Middle Level: Grades 5th - 8th	3
EDEL 477	Middle School Students and Their Environment	4
SCED 301	Interdisciplinary K-8 Science Inquiry	5
SCED 323	Teaching Middle School Mathematics and Science.....	3
SCED 354	Science, Society, and the Teaching Community	3

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