

Bachelor of Arts in Education

Early Childhood/Elementary Education

CWU-Des Moines

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Program Overview

Early Childhood/Elementary Education is a double major program offered by CWU-Des Moines. This program which has served the teacher preparation needs of the Puget Sound area for over 20 years, is widely respected by school districts in King and Pierce County. Students can expect placement in schools that are on the cutting edge of innovation and best practices in early childhood and elementary education. Courses are taught by regular CWU faculty and highly qualified adjunct faculty. A cohort model allows students to work cooperatively and collegially as part of a professional training curriculum. The program leads to Washington State Teacher Certification with Early Childhood (Birth – Grade 3) and Elementary Education (K – Grade 8) endorsements. This opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education while meeting teacher certification requirements is made available to residents of the greater Seattle area through cooperation with the Puget Sound area Community Colleges.

Students will need to plan for a total of seven quarters to complete the program, including a full summer quarter between the first and second academic years. Summer session begins during the third week of June, and ends in the third week of August. Once accepted into the program, it is important that students plan ahead for the summer session following the first academic year.

The number of applications we receive for this program far exceeds the amount we are limited to in each cohort group. Thus we close the applications earlier than the Admissions Office in Ellensburg closes the application process for fall quarter.

Admissions

The program begins only in the fall quarter of the academic year, therefore those who are interested in future admission should plan carefully to meet the following requirements and procedures:

1. Students must have a Baccalaureate degree OR a transferable Associates degree from a Washington State Community College OR have otherwise met CWU's general education requirements.
2. Students must have completed the following lower division courses or their equivalencies:
 - EDEC 232 Child Development
 - EDEC 292 Assisting in the Child-Centered Classrooms
 - EDF 301 Teaching: An Orientation
 - A Mathematics prerequisite (MATH 164) or otherwise seek Director's permission.
3. Applicants must have gained entry into CWU's Teacher Preparation Program. This requires a separate application, and is on-line at www.cwu.edu/-cert for students to download. Please apply after sending in your admission's application. Students must pass the WEST-B test in order to be admitted to the program. The web site is www.west.nesinc.com. Students are expected to make an appointment with an academic advisor as part of the application process.

Curriculum

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MAJOR = 45 CREDITS

Students may take up to 15 credits of ECE equivalent/approved courses from other colleges or CWU departments.

Required Courses	Credits
EDEC 232 Child Development	3
EDEC 292 Assisting in the Child-Centered Classrooms.....	5
EDEC 332 Theories in Child Development.....	3
EDEC 333 ECE Curriculum: Pre-Kindergarten.....	3
EDEC 334 ECE Curriculum: Kindergarten-Primary.....	3
EDEC 448 Parent Involvement.....	3
EDEC 493 Practicum and Issues in ECE	15
EDEC Approved Electives	10

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR = 46 CREDITS

ART 330 Art in the Elementary School.....	4
EDEL 323 Teaching Elementary School Mathematics.....	3
EDEL 420 Methods & Materials in Social Science-Elementary.....	3
EDRD 308 Reading I.....	3
EDRD 309 Reading II.....	5
EDRD 420 Teaching the Language Arts	4
EDRD 421 Teaching Children's Literature	3
HED 446 Health Ed Curriculum for Elementary Teachers.....	3
MUS 326 Music in the Classroom	3
PE 334 Physical Education Activities-Elementary.....	3
SCED 322 Science Education in Elementary	4
Approved Elective Credits	8

TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM = 47-49 CREDITS

EDCS 300 Pre-Autumn Field Experience	4
EDCS 316 Educational Technology.....	3
EDCS 311 Teaching: Curriculum, Methods & Materials.....	5
EDCS 444 Educational Issues and Law	3
EDCS 442 Student Teaching	16
EDCS 431 Multicultural Education	3
EDF 301 Teaching: An Orientation.....	3
**EDF 301A Introduction to Education	1
<i>**Required of students taking EDF 301 at a community college.</i>	
EDF 302 Introduction to Students w/Exceptionalities.....	4
PSY 314 Human Development and the Learner.....	4
PSY 315 Educational Psychology.....	4

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