



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

General Departmental Information

The elementary education program at Central Washington University prepares teachers to be facilitators of learning in a diverse world, based upon a constructivist-learning model. The Constructivist Model assumes:

1. Knowledge is created by the learner.
2. Knowledge is "constructed" or made meaningful when the learner relates new information to prior knowledge or existing knowledge.
3. Knowledge, as it is constructed, is shaped by experiences and social interactions.
4. Knowledge is established cooperatively by the members of a culture.

This program emphasizes an integration of theory and philosophy of learning, elementary curriculum, teaching methods, and practical classroom experience. It provides opportunities for students to grow into quality teachers who will take their places as responsible members of the education profession. This program in elementary education is based on the principles of cooperation, inquiry, discussion, active learning, and dynamic exchange of ideas.

The student who wants to be certified to teach in self-contained elementary (K-8) classrooms must:

1. Complete General Education requirements or transfer with a Washington community college AA degree,
2. Complete the Professional Education Program,
3. Complete either the major or minor in Elementary Education, and
4. Complete a complementary major or minor in another field.

Students must be fully admitted to the teacher preparation program as well as to the university before enrolling in any education courses.

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