



Education Programs

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Undergraduate Programs

CWU Education Majors and minors lead to endorsements on teaching certificates. Endorsements are the subjects teachers are certified to teach based on the programs they complete at CWU

[Undergraduate Programs](#) leading to Residency teaching certificates.

All CWU students must complete foundational education courses by completing *either* the Educational Foundations, TeachSTEM, or Elementary Education (HOW TO TEACH)

AND

An Endorsement Major, the content major (WHAT TO TEACH). Elementary Education is the only one where both pieces are embedded in one major.

OPTIONAL

An endorsable minor, for additional endorsements to teach after graduation.

Elementary Education
Ellensburg, Des
Moines, Pierce, Moses
Lake, Wenatchee, and
Yakima

Online Options
Business and
Marketing Education

Spanish Teaching

Programs not available

No Longer Available	Never was an option at CWU
Technology Education	ASL
Theater Education	Any other foreign language
Middle Level Humanities	Early Childhood Special Education
Traffic Safety	Visually impaired
	Agriculture Education

Why Central?

CWU has been preparing teachers since 1891. Established as a State Normal School, creating future educators is our legacy.

We offer hands-on classroom experience regularly, ensuring candidates build real skills long before student teaching. CWU's programs embed best-practice pedagogy, inclusive teaching, assessment literacy, and technology integration so graduates enter the field fully classroom-ready.

CWU also leads Washington with the state's only nationally syndicated STEM teaching program, giving future STEM teachers unmatched training and a 90% employment rate after graduation.

With structured field placements, strong district partnerships, and over 25 endorsement pathways, CWU delivers a preparation experience that is immersive, rigorous, and tailored, producing confident educators ready to make an immediate impact.



Basic information



Most Education Degrees can be completed in two years.

- Some majors are in cohorts so rolling starts into major required courses isn't always possible.
- Students should communicate early and often!

Courses vary between online options or in person modalities and most education foundations classes offer both options depending on the quarter.

Most programs have embedded opportunities to work with PreK-12th grade students as well as formal practicum courses all resulting in student teaching.

Reach out to the School of Education email box at soe@cwu.edu for support in getting connected to the right advisors, faculty, and program support staff

Setting Students Up for Success

Classes to take specific to education students:

- ENG 101 (ENGL& 101)
- General Education college level Math course
- EDSE 302 (EDUC& 204)
- EFC 320 (EDUC& 240)

IF they are prospective Elementary Education majors it is paramount they take Math 164 (MATH& 131) and Math 226 (MATH& 132).

There is no longer a transfer course option specifically for PSY 314

Helpful but not necessary, transfer course for EFC 250 (EDUC& 202)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

They must attempt a standardized test in reading, writing, math.

- Did they take ACT/SAT, if they can log in to College Board early, they can download a copy of their scores- DO NOT PAY TO GET TESTS SENT!
- No ACT/SAT- they will need to take WEST-B in reading, writing, and math. The sooner the better

Resources

School of Education: soe@cwu.edu

Teacher Certification Program: teachercertification@cwu.edu

Apply to the Teacher Certification Program:

As soon as a student has been accepted and has a CWU log in we want them to apply to the [Teacher Certification Program](#)

This is especially true for transfer students, this gets them in our communication channels so they can get their questions answered and connected to the right support teams.