

I want to be a teacher!
START HERE

Step 1

Do I already have a Bachelor's degree?

Check out the MAT program!

WANT TO GET AHEAD?
Get a C or higher in Academic Writing 1
Get a C or higher in Quantitative Reasoning
Meet Basic Skills test requirement
Work hard to have a 3.0 GPA or higher

Step 2

Apply to Major

MAT program missing the subject you want to teach?

I have 45 graded quarter credits

Keep taking courses

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:
If you are taking ANY field experience courses you need:
Valid WSP/FBI clearance (expires every 2 years)
Liability insurance every (renewed EVERY academic year)

Step 3

Apply/Update to the Teacher Certification Program (TCP)

Send updates to TCP

Check To-do list in MyCWU
Click item links for more information

Admittance Status

Conditional or Denied Admittance Status

Fully Admitted

Take Phase 2 education courses
Maintain 3.0 GPA

Step 4

Apply to student teach 2 quarters before graduation

TCP verifies you have met pre-requisites

Pass EFC 480
Meet Major/minor requirements

Step 5

GRADUATE!
You can be done!

OR

Complete Certification Requirements

Step 6

TCP sends Recommendation to OSPI
TCP sends you information on how to claim your certificate

Claim your certificate!
Good luck!

Step 1: If you want to be a teacher and you already have a bachelor's degree, the MAT Program may be right for you.

Step 2: You should talk to the department secretary for procedures on how to apply and declare your intended major. As you work to gain 45 graded quarter credits, be thinking ahead and work hard to have a CWU/Transfer Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and earn C's or higher in your Academic Writing 1 and Quantitative Reasoning general education courses. If you did not take SAT or ACT tests you will need to attempt the Reading, Writing and Math subtests of the WEST-B.

Step 3: You can apply to the Teacher Certification Program as soon as you have 45 graded quarter credits. After your application has been processed, your missing requirements will be posted to your To-Do list in MyCWU. If you have any field experience courses, you will need valid WSP/FBI fingerprint clearance as well as Liability Insurance.

Step 4: Two quarters before you anticipate student teaching, you need to apply on the Office of Field Experiences website. The Teacher Certification Program will verify you have met the course pre-requisites.

Step 5: Student Teach and graduate!

Step 6: Meet the certification requirements to be recommended to OSPI for your teaching certificate. The Teacher Certification Program will send you instructions on how to claim the recommendation.