

This major can only be selected if you have been admitted into the Teacher Ed. Program prior to and including Fall 2008

ELEMENTARY and SPECIAL education

Why choose the **Composite Elementary Education/Special Education at WSU?**

- Preparation to be an effective educator
- Opportunities for continued professional development in the processes of teaching and student learning in a changing, global society
- Accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
- Low student/faculty ratio

What kinds of degrees are available?

Bachelor of Science or Arts Degree (BS or BA)

What are the employment opportunities?

There is a high placement rate upon graduation. The composite major will prepare you to teach in regular elementary education (grades 1-6) and/or in special education (grades K-12). WSU graduates are hired by local districts as well as districts throughout Utah and around the country.

What are the starting salaries for graduates?

In Utah, starting salaries range from \$30,000 to \$35,000 depending on the district, with the potential of earning \$50,000 to \$55,000 with several years of service and additional education.

What will I learn in the program?

WSU teacher preparation programs are based on INTASC National and Utah State Office of Education state standards that address the content knowledge, teaching skills, and professional dispositions for beginning teachers. At the conclusion of your program, you will be able to: (1) Demonstrate mastery of the subject matter that you teach; (2) Use knowledge of child/adolescent development and diversity to teach all of today's children; (3) Learn how to plan curriculum, use technology, foster communication in on-going instructional planning and (4) Collaborate with others as you reflection upon your professional teacher preparation.

Is there an application deadline?

Yes, the department processes applications twice a year. The fall deadline is in September and the spring deadline is in February.

What courses will I take in this program?

The required courses are listed inside this sheet. All listed requirements are subject to change. Always consult an advisor for current requirements.



Where can I find out more about the programs?

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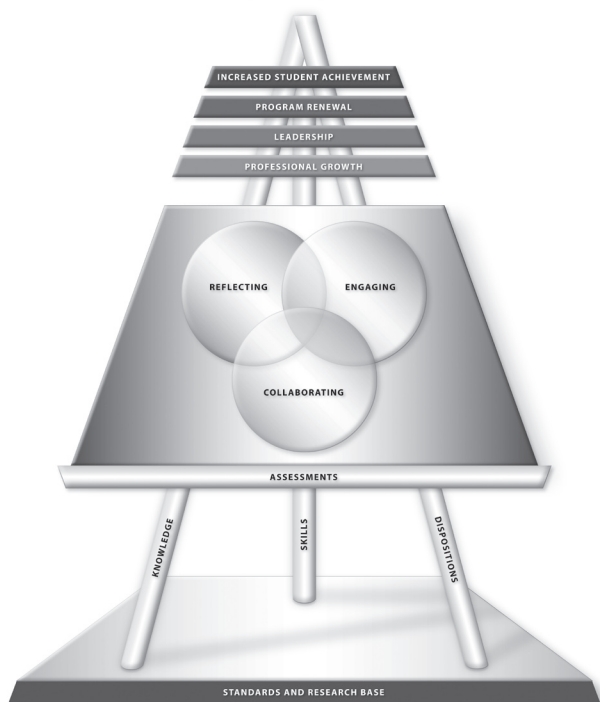
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ELEMENTARY education/ SPECIAL education

When you complete the composite elementary/special education program, you are prepared to teach in elementary education (grades 1–6) and/or in special education (grades K–12).

The Department of Teacher Education follows a Conceptual Framework: “Student Achievement: Teachers, Students, and Community Working Together.” This framework delineates the program’s purpose, outcomes, and evaluation as you progress through the levels of the program.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER



PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Declare your major as Composite Elementary/Special Education Applicant in the Department of Teacher Education.
- Admission to the teacher education program is a separate process from WSU admission and is on a **provisional** basis until the semester you student teach.
- Submit your application to the Department of Teacher Education. (Admission into the teacher education program is a selective process.) Ask your teacher education advisor for a copy of the admission materials.
- *You must be fingerprinted and have a background clearance check before starting the professional education course work. If the background check reveals criminal misconduct that has not been cleared by the Utah Professional Practice Commission, admission will be revoked.*

ADVISEMENT

You should meet with an advisor in the Teacher Education Advisement Center, located in the Education Building, Room 230. Call 801-626-6636 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

GRADE REQUIREMENTS

You must meet minimum grade requirements for major courses, maintain an overall GPA of 3.00 or higher in all college work, and achieve at least a “B-” grade in each professional education course to continue in the program.

CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of 120 credit hours is required for graduation
- A minimum of 40 upper division credit hours is required (courses numbered 3000 and above).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Four areas of course work are required:

- (1) general education/degree requirements
- (2) support course requirements
- (3) special education course requirements
- (4) professional education requirements.

GENERAL EDUCATION/DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

	BS	BA
Composition:		
ENGL 1010, ENGL 2010	6	6
Quantitative Literacy:		
MATH QL1050 (This course is a prerequisite for MATH 2010/2020)	4	4
American Institutions:		
POLS AI1100, HIST AI1700, ECON AI1740 (Select one)	3	3
Computer Literacy		Varies
(Successful completion of approved proficiency exam or approved course(s) for credit.)		
Humanities/Creative Arts:		
COMM HU1020 or COMM HU2110 (recommended)	9	9
Social Sciences:		
CHF SS1500 (recommended)	6	6
Physical & Life Sciences (one science course with a lab is required)		
LS 1370, PS 1350, PS 1360 (Select one of the three)	9	9

	BS	BA
DEGREE REQUIREMENTS		
Bachelor of Science Requirement		
See Scientific Inquiry (SI) Requirement in WSU catalog	6	
Foreign Language		16
Diversity Requirement	3	3

Note: CHF SS1500 and COMM HU1020 or COMM HU2110 may count as support courses as well as general education courses.

The Diversity Requirement is satisfied by taking EDUC 3200.

EDUC 4530 can be used to fulfill the BS degree requirement.

SUPPORT COURSE REQUIREMENTS

EDUC	1010	Exploring Teaching	3
CHF	SS1500	Human Development	3
COMM	HU1020	Principles of Public Speaking	3
or COMM	HU2110	Interpersonal Communication	3
MATH	2010	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers	3
MATH	2020	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers	3
(MATH series is a prerequisite for EDUC 4300 or EDUC 4640)			
PE	3630	Physical Education K-6	3
HEALTH	4300	Health Education in the Elementary School	2

and at least 6 credit hours from the following:

MUSC	3824	Music for Elementary Teachers	4
DANC	3640	Teaching Creative Movement in Elementary School	2
THEA	4603	Creative Drama	3
EDUC	3430	Creative Processes in Elementary School	3
EDUC	2000	Social Studies Concepts for Elementary Teachers	3
EDUC	3390	Literacy in the Primary Grades	2
ENGL	3300	Children's Literature	3
CHF	2400	Family Relations	3
CHF	2500	Development of the Child: Birth to 8	3
CHF	2570	The Child 6-12	3
CHF	3640	Working with Parents	3
PSY	3000	Child Psychology	3
PSY	3140	Adolescent and Adult Psychology	3
PSY	3250	Conditioning and Learning	3
PSY	3300	Applied Behavior Intervention with Children	3

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS (41 credit hours)

All 3000 & 4000 level EDUC courses are open only to students who have been PROVISIONALLY ADMITTED TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM. (See teacher education admission requirements.)

You will need to register concurrently for all courses in a level.

Level 1 CORE (7 credit hours)

EDUC	3100	Instructional Planning and Assessment	3
EDUC	3110	Instructional Technology	1
EDUC	3140	Educational Psychology, Interpersonal Skills and Classroom Management	3

Level 2 METHODS (9 credit hours)

EDUC	3200	Foundations of Diversity: Culturally, Linguistically Responsive Teaching (Satisfies Diversity)	3
EDUC	3240	Foundations, Methods, and Assessments of Elementary Reading	3
EDUC	3280	Elementary Social Studies Methods	3

Level 3 METHODS (12 credit hours)

EDUC	4300	Elementary Math Methods	3
or EDUC	4640	Diagnosis and Remediation of Math Problems	3
EDUC	4320	Elementary Language Arts Methods	3
EDUC	4330	Elementary Science Methods	3
EDUC	4340	Elementary Art/Music Methods	3

Level 4 SYNTHESIS (13 credit hours)

EDUC	4840	Student Teaching in Elementary Education	8
EDUC	4670*	Special Education Student Teaching	4
EDUC	4860	Elementary Senior Synthesis Seminar	1

*Recommended with Level 4

Special Education Course Requirements (27 credit hours)

EDUC	4510*	Foundations in Special Education	3
EDUC	4520*	Collaboration, Consultation and IEP Development	3
EDUC	4530**	Principles and Applications of Special Education Assessment	3
EDUC	4540*	Managing Student Behavior and Teaching Social Skills	3
EDUC	4550	Instructional Content and Methods for Elementary Students	3
EDUC	4580	Instructional Content, Methods, and Transition for Secondary Special Education Students	3
EDUC	4650	Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Problems	3
or MED	6315	Foundations of Teaching Reading in Secondary Schools	3
EDUC	4521	Practicum in Special Education	2
EDUC	4581	Pre-student Teaching in Special Ed.	4

* **Can be taken before admission. See Advisement Center for assistance with registration for these classes if not admitted.**

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