

# Secondary Education



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Students interested in teaching as a profession select a grade level for which they feel the most suited, such as elementary or secondary levels. Related to this consideration is the question of what types of subjects a person wishes to teach. At the secondary level, a teacher is more likely to specialize in one, perhaps two subjects.

Secondary certification enables you to teach older students, usually grades 8-12. Certification to teach at the secondary level can be reached by several routes, and programs at universities offering education programs vary widely.

In general, secondary certification requires successful completion of several components:

- Completion of general university requirements for a degree.
- A major in an approved endorsement area, such as math, biology, Spanish, or social studies. A list of typical endorsement areas is provided in this guide. In many cases, an additional “minor” is helpful to your career.
- Preparation for the university’s teacher preparation program, such as English, math, speech, and passing the WEST-B. (See [www.west.nesinc.com](http://www.west.nesinc.com))
- Teacher education classes such as Educational Psychology, Instructional Methods, Philosophy of Education.
- Practice teaching.
- Assessment of professional fitness, criminal history and personal conduct.

Universities may offer certification within the bachelor’s degree program, or as a “fifth year” after earning the Bachelor’s degree, or within a Master’s degree.

## STARTING YOUR PREPARATION AT EvCC

**Certification to teach at the secondary level is subject-specific and requires an undergraduate degree in at least one endorsement in an approved subject area. Review the list on the reverse side to determine your interests and then refer to the curriculum guide at EvCC that describes preparation for that major. For example, if you want to teach high school English, refer to the English curriculum guide. Choosing the recommended subject-specific courses in that curriculum guide will enable you to pursue a university transfer associate degree.**

In addition, you should pay special attention to successfully completing several other courses that provide preparation for the teacher education courses and help you become a good candidate for admission to a teacher education program after you complete your 4-year degree. For example:

- EDUC& 202 – Introduction to Education
- CMST 103 – Public Speaking for Educators
- EDUC 250, 251, 252 – Education in Action (observation)
- EDUC 256 – Education in Action Seminar

We also recommend that you participate in volunteer programs such as Junior Achievement and related activities that involve working as a group leader, tutor, teaching assistant or mentor. In addition, join EvCC’s Teachers of Tomorrow (TOT) Club. It provides education students with information regarding a teaching career. You might even earn service learning credit, share ideas and plan TOT activities. Contact Dr. Ken White, TOT advisor, at 425-388-9498.

Enrollment Services provides general information about application, advising, orientation and registration for new and continuing students. Though voluntary, all prospective students are invited to contact the Educational Planning Center to speak one-to-one with an educational planner. Contact:

Enrollment Services, Jackson Ctr, 425-388-9219, [admissions@everettcc.edu](mailto:admissions@everettcc.edu)  
Educational Planning Center, Third Floor, Parks, 425-388-9263

## PROGRAM ADVISORS

Contact one of the following advisors because requirements for this program may change prior to graduation.

- Ken White, Gray Wolf Hall 349, 425-388-9498, [kwhite@everettcc.edu](mailto:kwhite@everettcc.edu)

If no answer is received, call the division office 425-388-9387.

## **ENDORSEMENT AREAS**

Authorized endorsements for teachers in the state of Washington are specified in WAC 181-79A-302:

1. English/language arts: **Dance, Drama, English, Journalism, Music, Speech & Theatre Arts**
2. Science: **Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science & Physics**
3. Social Sciences: **Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology & Philosophy**
4. Specialized subject areas of: Comparative Religion, Instructional Technology (formerly Computer Science), **Health, Mathematics**, Bilingual Education, English-as-a-Second Language & Spanish Teaching
5. Vocational areas of: Agriculture education, **Business Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Marketing Education & Technology Education (formerly Industrial Arts)**

**Some preparation for the subjects in BOLD above is available through EvCC.**

## **UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

Listed below are admission and/or graduation requirements for a few universities. Every college and university requires passing scores on all three subtests of the WEST—B prior to submitting an application to the teacher certification program.

### **Western Washington University**

1. Completion of at least 75 graded credits
2. 2.75 or higher GPA overall or last 45 credits
3. ENGL& 101 with a grade of “B” or better
4. Adequate academic major preparation
5. Two letters of recommendation

### **Central Washington University**

1. 3.00 or higher GPA overall or last 45 credits
2. Application, Transcripts and Character/Fitness Form submitted to Certification
3. AA or BA degree; and ENGL& 101 and 102 with a “C” or higher and MATH 138
4. Two letters of recommendation

### **Washington State University**

1. 80 hours of recent educational experience with youth within the past three years
2. 2.50 or higher GPA overall
3. At least 30 semester hours of course work completed.
4. Complete ENGL& 101 and 102 with a “C” or better
5. At least nine hours of course work completed in an endorsement

### **University of Washington (including Bothell)**

1. Completion of a baccalaureate degree
2. 3.00 or higher GPA overall or last 90 credits
3. ENGL& 101, ENGL& 102, and CMST 103 with a grade of “C” or better
4. One course each from Literature, U.S. History, Geography, Fine Arts, Life Sciences and Physical Sciences (one lab)
5. Two mathematic courses 100 level and above in areas of Probability and Statistics, Number Theory, Algebra & Geometry
6. 60 hours or more in a classroom that most closely matches the subject and age level which you wish to teach; have the person who supervised you complete an Endorsement Evaluation Form
7. Two letters of recommendation

## **WEBSITES**

Central Washington University: [www.cwu.edu/~cert/index.html](http://www.cwu.edu/~cert/index.html)

Eastern Washington University:  
[www.ewu.edu/CALE/Programs/Education/Secondary.xml](http://www.ewu.edu/CALE/Programs/Education/Secondary.xml)

The Evergreen State College: [www.evergreen.edu/subsites/studies.htm](http://www.evergreen.edu/subsites/studies.htm)

University of Washington, Bothell: [www.uwb.edu/education/](http://www.uwb.edu/education/)

University of Washington, Seattle: <http://education.washington.edu/areas/>

Washington State University:  
<http://education.wsu.edu/students/undergrad/index.html>

Western Washington University:  
[www.wce.wvu.edu/Depts/SEC/UGBPPPrograms.shtml](http://www.wce.wvu.edu/Depts/SEC/UGBPPPrograms.shtml)

Washington Educator Skills Test – Basic: [www.west.nesinc.com](http://www.west.nesinc.com) [Nov 2011]

# AAS degree -DTA– Secondary Education

This checklist is for Secondary Education students and should be maintained while at Everett Community College. It will be submitted with a diploma application to the Enrollment Services Office the quarter before completion. Please refer to curriculum guide titled “Associate in Arts and Sciences – Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA)” for approved courses for the various distribution requirements. To determine courses for your university transfer plans, please consult page 2 of this guide. Foreign language is not required in the DTA degree, but some universities require two or three quarters of foreign language for admission or graduation. Students will complete the Associate in Arts and Sciences Curriculum Guide of their chosen major or discipline. Please identify an advisor in the discipline you want to teach.

Courses listed with an ampersand in the course number (e.g. ENGL&101) reflect the Common Course Numbering System. [www.everettcc.edu/ccn](http://www.everettcc.edu/ccn)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PROFICIENCY in Intermediate Algebra (min)  
(MATH 099 OR MATH 091 and 092)

	Where completed/Course Title	Year Completed	Grade
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COMPLETION of Diversity Course

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Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Quarter Completed	Grade
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**BASIC COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** (10 credits, 6 of which must be in composition)

ENGL& 101	English Composition I	5		
ENGL& 102	Composition II	5		

**BASIC QUANTITATIVE SKILLS:** (5 credits) Recommend: MATH& 107 or MATH 138.

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**HUMANITIES \*** (15 credits) Refer to the curriculum guide at EvCC that describes humanities recommendations for your chosen major.

CMST 103	Public Speaking for Educators	5		

**SOCIAL SCIENCE \*** (15 credits) Refer to the curriculum guide at EvCC that describes social science recommendations for your chosen major.

EDUC& 202	Introduction to Education	5		

**NATURAL SCIENCE \*** (15 credits) ONE LAB REQUIRED. Recommend: NAT S 107 (physical science); BIOL 107; GEOL 107 (earth science); NUTR& 101, ENV& 100.


**ELECTIVE A LIST** (15 credits) Refer to the curriculum guide at EvCC that describes “A” elective recommendations for your chosen major.


**ELECTIVE B LIST** (15 credits maximum) Refer to the curriculum guide at EvCC that describes “B” elective recommendations for your chosen major.


\* Courses must be from three different disciplines. **Total: Minimum 90 credits required; minimum 2.0 GPA**



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Each term, about 9,500 students enroll in a wide variety of courses. Day, evening, distance, and workplace-based options are available. Students may enroll on a full-time or part-time basis. EvCC offers two-year associate degrees, short-term certificates, endorsements and industry certifications.

Student life can be active. Currently, EvCC offers athletic programs in basketball, baseball, and soccer, to name a few.

Student clubs range from Phi Theta Kappa (the Honor Society) to the United Native American Council to the International Club to the German Club, and more. Our Student Government and Programs Board are always on the go with activities that make college life fun. There are also opportunities to develop leadership skills.

Student services are designed to support students in their studies, remove barriers, and enrich student life. Financial Aid services offer grant and loan opportunities, as well as scholarships. Our Counseling, Advising and Career Center has a rich array of information and personal assistance for students. The Diversity and Equity Center supports student activities and College programs that promote growth and opportunity toward cultural understanding.

Former EvCC students have found employment in business and industry, in community service agencies, in schools, and in other locales. Our transfer students are known to do very well at the UW, WWU and other schools.

### EvCC's University Center

Looking for educational options close to home?

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Right now.**

[www.uceverett.org](http://www.uceverett.org)

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