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## Master in Teaching - Everett University Center

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Western Washington University's Master in Teaching (MIT) program for prospective secondary school teachers is offered at the Everett University Center, 915 N. Broadway Ave, Third Floor, in Everett WA.

#### **When does the program start? How long does it take?**

We start a new cohort every summer quarter, which starts generally the third week of June. The program runs for seven consecutive quarters, including two summers. The seventh quarter is student teaching, and it actually runs into April, so it goes into an eighth quarter. We anticipate being face-to-face going forward, but this is dependent on COVID mandates.

#### **When do the classes meet?**

Classes are scheduled in the evenings, 5:30 – 9:30, Monday – Thursday, for two or three evenings a week. You will also spend 25 – 30 hours in secondary school classrooms in three different quarters. The third practicum, in the second fall quarter, will be the same placement for student teaching starting in winter quarter. Candidates must be vaccinated against COVID-19 to participate in field experiences.

#### **How long is student teaching?**

Student teaching is full-time, all day, every day for 14 weeks starting in January and running into April. This is the last requirement for certification and the degree. Some begin substituting when student teaching is finished.

#### **When can I look for a job?**

Job searches generally begin in February or March during student teaching. Career fairs for teachers are scheduled in Bellingham and the Tacoma Dome during this time, and some districts might also host their own events.

#### **What is a teaching endorsement and why do I need to have my transcripts reviewed?**

To earn a Residency Teaching Certificate, teachers must have a qualifying endorsement in a subject area. This endorsement is earned by completing the subject area course work required by WWU and by passing the state-mandated endorsement exam. Applicants must have completed virtually all the endorsement courses before the program starts, although we schedule some of the methods courses at our site (English, Social Studies, Science, Art). You should send all your (unofficial) transcripts to Dr. Christine Schaefer as early as possible to find out if you are eligible and what courses remain to be taken. You can also view what WWU requires at this site: <https://wce.wvu.edu/cert/endorsements>

- **Note 1: Additional endorsements** for most academic subjects can be added after you earn the Residency Teaching Certificate by submitting a passing score on the endorsement exam and an application.
- **Note 2:** All endorsements, both qualifying and additional, include the applicable WEST-E or NES endorsement exam. World Language majors must also take the written and oral ACTFL exams. Applicants are required to take the exams for their qualifying endorsements as admission requirements and pass them for certification. Find information about this exam at [www.k12.wa.us/certification](http://www.k12.wa.us/certification) and [www.actfl.org/assessment-research-and-development/actfl-assessments](http://www.actfl.org/assessment-research-and-development/actfl-assessments).
- **Note 3:** While every teacher preparation institution meets state endorsement requirements, each institution determines its own set of courses. Please check the requirements carefully for all institutions before you apply.

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