Frequently Asked Questions

1) What options does Eastern Washington University offer for becoming a teacher?
   • The Bachelor of Arts in Education
   • The Masters in Teaching
   • If you already have a degree, you can just pursue certification, or you can add the Bachelor of Arts in Education degree to the one that you already have.

2) How long will it take me to get a Bachelor of Arts in Education?
   • It depends upon several factors that include how your transfer courses apply to EWU program requirements and what majors and minors you choose.
   • Generally, if you start at EWU as a freshman, knowing that you want to be a teacher and plan your courses carefully, you can complete your degree in about four years.

3) What are the qualifications for becoming a teacher?
   • A Bachelor’s degree
   • Certification, including passing the WEST-E state test in your teaching/endorsement areas

4) Do I need a foreign language for the Bachelor of Arts in Education?
   • A foreign language is not required for the Bachelor of Arts in Education. However, the ability to speak another language increases your marketability.

5) What are the field experience and student teaching requirements?
   • You will be required to complete three consecutive quarters of field experience in a local P-12 school to prepare you for your final one quarter of fulltime student teaching.
   • You can complete your student teaching locally or at other locations in Washington State.
   • You will complete a form in our admissions course stating your placement preferences.
   • A 30-hour diversity experience must be completed after admission to the program.

6) How do I get admitted to the education program at Eastern Washington University?
   • You are admitted to the program when you take EDUC 200, Admission to the Teacher Education Program course, after meeting with an education advisor to confirm eligibility.
   • The prerequisites for EDUC 200 are: WEST-B, CMST 200, English 101 and 201, and Math 211 (elementary) or Math 115 (secondary). You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. All prerequisites courses must have a 2.0 or higher grade.
   • Admission to the education program occurs your final two years at Eastern.

7) Is Education considered a major at Eastern Washington University?
   • Education is a program or track. Your major will be a specific subject.
   • Elementary candidates can choose from 15 majors and 12 minors.
   • 15 secondary majors and 14 minors are available.
   • A minor is required if your major is less then 60 credits.

8) Who will be my advisor?
   • If you come to Eastern as a freshman, your initial advisor will be assigned to you from the Undergraduate Advising Office.
   • Once you declare your major/minor, then you will be assigned to advisors from those departments.
   • You will also need to meet with an education advisor to determine eligibility for admission to the education program. This is usually done your sophomore year.

9) Will I need to be fingerprinted and when will that take place?
   • Yes. You will be completing the fingerprinting process at Eastern when you take EDUC 200.
   • Fingerprints need to be redone every two years in order to be current through the receipt of your certificate.

10) What fees are part of the education program?
    • Fingerprinting: $56.25
    • Certification Application fee: $45.50
    • WEST-B: $85.00
    • WEST-E: $130 per test
    • ACTFL (for persons seeking endorsements in foreign language): $65-$75
    • Student Teaching Liability Insurance fee: $15

11) How can I find out if my courses from another school will transfer to Eastern Washington University?
    • A Transcript Evaluator from the Admissions Department will evaluate your coursework for its equivalency to general university requirements. Major, minor and education course equivalencies are determined by the appropriate department faculty when you submit transfer course syllabi.