

FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

Become a Teacher *(teacher licensure programs)*

Western Oregon University offers equitable opportunities for you to participate in place-conscious degree completion as you earn an initial teaching license. Along with teacher licensure, you can also add endorsement programs such as English for Speakers of Other Languages. It is our hope to support your goals of becoming a certified teacher who impacts PK-12 classrooms for Oregon children and their families.

The flexible pathways are designed to support you and your community through a Grow-Your-Own model where you are able to earn a high-quality education degree from a Top-Tier Educator Preparation Program while remaining in the community where you live and thrive. Classes are offered in the evening, weekends, and hybrid/online. You can earn your teaching license in a place-conscious way without having to leave your community or disrupt your daily life through the Flexible Pathways.

The Flexible Pathways invites you into either full or part-time work towards degree completion. We have advisors ready and willing to connect with you to help you think through your degree plan options and what works for you in your current life circumstance.

Western is the largest preparer of new teachers in Oregon

Questions?

Our pre-education advisors are here to help!

EMAIL AN ADVISOR AT:
education@wou.edu



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Learn more and apply



Transferring to WOU: College Specific Guides
wou.edu/del/teacherpathways



Tuition and Fees
wou.edu/finaid/tuition-fees/cost-of-attendance



Admissions
wou.edu/apply



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EARNING YOUR FIRST BACHELOR'S DEGREE?

Elementary Initial Teacher Licensure

- Through the Associates of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree (AAOT) or the Oregon Transfer Module (OTM).
- You can take your first 90 credits of classes that fulfill 100/200 level coursework and general education requirements at your local community college.
- Complete your final 90 credits of 300/400 level coursework through our Place-Based Flexible Pathway.
- Through this flexible pathway, courses at WOU for the final 90 credits are offered online, during the evenings, on Saturdays online and hyflex, and through place-conscious hybrid courses.

Highlights

Diverse Teacher Scholars Program & Bilingual Teacher Scholars Program

These programs support the development of a collective network of like-minded peers who share linguistically and culturally diverse identities. Scholarships of up to \$3000 are available.



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Early Intervention, Early Childhood Special Education

- This concentration will prepare Early Childhood Studies students for careers in early intervention and early childhood special education services with children birth to 5 years old in cross-disciplinary settings of education and support.
- Many Early Childhood Studies students transfer from community college partners or are already working in the field full time.
- We offer classes online and on Saturdays to accommodate students balancing work and family.
- We are committed to providing accessible 4-year degrees to working professionals, which includes fully online classes to complete the SPED coursework.
- This is the first and only undergraduate program in the state of Oregon to earn the SPED: Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education license.

Cohort model – start and finish the licensure program with consistently small diverse groups of students.

ESOL Endorsement can be embedded in your bachelor's degree.

71% of undergraduates receive grants or scholarships.

Dual Licensure Elementary and Special Education Program

- Be prepared to meet the needs of students by earning an endorsement in special education while also pursuing your early childhood/elementary education license.
- During the junior year of your program, you will begin the special education concentration, taking six additional courses over the next year and a half.
- You will finish the special education concentration the summer after your senior year. You can also complete this concentration through online classes.
- Students in the early childhood/elementary education program can choose the special education concentration beginning in the Fall of 2022.

I feel I've been really well prepared for going into my student teaching. I have all of the knowledge that I need in order to do what I need to do. I've been able to see all sorts of connections from what I have learned in classes, whether it's my education classes, my ESOL classes, or Spanish classes, I've been able to find kind of connections between those and the things I am doing with my students in my classroom.



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