

# Teacher Education

A Teacher Education program with a difference!

In collaboration with Western Washington University, Evergreen offers a professional **Teacher Education** program on the Olympia campus, leading to initial certification in Elementary or Secondary education.

The program is a full-time, integrated course of study. Students enter Fall Quarter and proceed together through the program as a "community of learners." The program content meets all standards for certification and includes special emphasis on education psychology, multi-cultural education, philosophy and history of education and teaching methods. There is also a strong emphasis on field experience. Students have the opportunity to do work in rural, suburban and urban settings.

The program is *two academic years* in length including two quarters of student teaching. Two out of every five candidates have a bachelor's degree before beginning the program. The students are academically capable, diverse, and older, as a group, with median age of 32 years.

## Elementary and Secondary Endorsements

An endorsement is a qualifying phrase on a Washington teaching certificate which identifies the grade level and subject matter area in which an individual may teach in Washington's schools. Before beginning the Teacher Education Program, students must have their endorsement area coursework nearly completed (within one quarter).

The secondary education candidate, preparing for teaching in departmentalized classrooms in grades 4-12, must have a primary endorsement and is encouraged to add a supporting endorsement as well. The available primary endorsements include English, mathematics, physics, science with biology, chemistry or physics concentrations, and social studies. The secondary endorsement allows the individual to teach only in that subject matter area. It does not qualify a teacher for a self-contained, elementary classroom.

The elementary education candidate, preparing for teaching in any classroom, grades K-8, will qualify for a K-8 primary endorsement, but must also have two supporting endorsements. Available supporting endorsements include: art, chemistry, economics, English, French, German, history, math, physics, political science and Spanish. Natural science and elementary math concentrations are recognized by Evergreen as equivalent to endorsements for acceptance into the Teacher Education program, but will not appear as endorsements on a teaching certificate. An elementary candidate may count no more than one of these concentrations toward the two endorsement requirements. The K-8 elementary education endorsement qualifies an individual to teach any subject in grades K-8 except special education. It allows the individual to serve in a self-contained elementary classroom or in specifically endorsed subjects through grade 8 at a junior high or middle school.

Any course required for an endorsement which is lacking at time of admission to the program, must be completed either by the summer preceding year one or in the summer preceding year two, i.e., prior to student teaching. It is *not* possible to undertake any endorsement courses during the six quarters of the professional program. For requirements, review the descriptions of primary and supporting endorsements in our minicatalog *Teacher Education at Evergreen*.

It is *not* possible to pursue an endorsement in music, home economics, physical education, vocational education and some other areas. It is possible to add any endorsement which the state recognizes directly from the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, once the teacher holds an Initial Certificate.

The **Teacher Education** program operates under the "essential areas of study," for disciplinary subject matter, developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction's collaborative committees for endorsements.

## Admission Requirements

Admission to the **Teacher Education** program is competitive. Academic excellence is the primary criterion. Students should begin planning their curriculum well before entering the program and should consult with an academic advisor as soon as possible (names of advisors are in *Teacher Education at Evergreen*.) All students should develop strong writing skills. Before entering the program, students should also complete the requirement of 8 quarter hours of college-level natural science (e.g., biology, chemistry, geology, physics, etc.) 8 quarter hours in the social sciences and 12 quarter hours of writing. Secondary students should have completed nearly all of their endorsement requirements by the time they enter the program. Strength of work in general education, proposed fields, as well as letters of recommendation play a significant role in admissions decisions.

Minimum admission requirements include admission to the college, at least senior class standing at the time of entering the program with rare exceptions, and a grade-point average of 2.75 with graded transcripts or comparable work on ungraded transcripts.

As part of the admission process, applicants must also take and pass at prescribed levels one of the standard reading, English and mathematics aptitude tests such as ACT, SAT, WPCT and TETEP. However, state law permits waiving this requirement under certain circumstances. (See *Teacher Education at Evergreen*.)

Students wishing to apply to this program must submit all material to the Admissions Office. Required material includes the teacher education application form, official transcripts from every college previously attended, three letters of recommendation, and test scores. Applicants new to Evergreen must also observe the process for regular undergraduate application, admission, and deadlines. Selection begins in January 1990, and continues until the full group of 60 students is assured (usually by late spring or early summer).

Full information may be obtained through the Teacher Education Office. Application forms and program booklets are available through the Admissions Office and the Teacher Education Office.

**The Evergreen State College**  
Olympia, Washington



### Types of Certification

The state of Washington currently issues *Initial Certificates* and *Continuing Certificates* to qualified applicants.

Students who successfully complete Evergreen's program will be eligible to hold the *Initial Certificate* (elementary, K-8; secondary, 4-12). The requirements for the *Initial Certificate* currently include: (1) a bachelor's degree and (2) completion of a state-approved teacher education program which includes meeting initial generic standards as described in the Washington Administrative Code.

Evergreen is a public, liberal arts college of 3000 students, offering Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Tuition is \$537 per quarter for Washington state residents and \$1883 per quarter for non-residents.

If you have specific questions about the application process, or general questions about the college, its programs, and whether Evergreen can meet your needs, contact Admissions at 206-866-6824. Questions about how to plan your degree at Evergreen, and about major/minor requirements, should be directed to Academic Advising, 206-886-6000, ext. 6312. Specific questions about the content of the Education Program are best answered by the Teacher Education office, 206-866-6000, ext. 6341.

or write:

Admissions  
The Evergreen State College  
Olympia, WA 98505

Prospective students who wish to request a catalog should call the Admissions Office at (206) 866-6824. After working hours (5 p.m. P.S.T.), an answering machine will record your request.

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