

The SPU School of Education is accredited at the state and national level, and our graduates are among the most sought-after educators in the field. You'll benefit from a combination of class and field work, which includes opportunities for diverse experiences within school settings in urban Seattle. Each component of the program is designed to develop your competence and character, while preparing you for leadership and service. Undergraduate teacher candidates complete all requirements for a bachelor's degree in addition to the requirements for the Residency Teacher Certification Program.

Major	+	Certification Program	=	Bachelor's Degree with Certification to teach in Washington
+ General Education Requirements		(Includes 1 year of courses + student teaching)		

Here you will find the current endorsements we offer through the certification program with your major:

MAJOR	ENDORSEMENT	AGE LEVEL	
Integrated Studies	Elementary Education	Elementary	
Biology	Biology	Secondary	
Chemistry	Chemistry	Secondary	
English Language Arts	English Language Arts	Secondary	
Family Consumer Sciences	Family Consumer Sciences	Secondary	
History	History	Secondary	
History w/ Social Studies	Social Studies	Secondary	
Mathematics	Mathematics	Secondary	
Physics	Physics	Secondary	
French	French & Francophone Studies	P-12	
European Studies: German	German	P-12	
European Studies: Spanish	Spanish	P-12	
Health & Human Performance	Health & Fitness Education	P-12	
Music Education	Music – Instrumental, Choral, and/or General	P-12	
Theatre w/Teaching Emphasis	Theatre	P-12	
Art	Visual Arts	P-12	
Special Education w/Elementary Emphasis	Special Education & Elementary Education	P-12 & Elementary	
Special Education w/Secondary Emphasis	Special Education & English Languages Arts OR Mathematics	P-12 & Secondary	

The Teaching Internship is the highlight of the Residency Teacher Certification Program at SPU. It is a time for polishing skills, refining your philosophy of managing a classroom, and demonstrating subject-matter knowledge necessary to successfully teach the Washington State Learning Standards.

Degree Sequencing Sheet for Undergraduate Certification Students

Traditional Student Route

- Freshman Year Students beginning their freshman year at Seattle Pacific University should focus on completing their bachelors and major degree requirements with the following exceptions:
 - If students know that they want to be a teacher, they should come to the front office in the School of Education, or email <u>soe-cert@spu.edu</u>, to make a preliminary advising appointment for more information.
 - Students seeking certification in Special Education should take PSY 1180 or PSY 2470 if PSY 1180 requirement has been met. Students seeking certification in Special Education should make an appointment with the School of Education Certification Advisor as soon as possible to discuss coursework needed.
 - Students seeking certification in Elementary Education should refer to the Integrated Studies major.
- **Sophomore Year** Students should take the foundations sequence of classes (EDU 2100 & EDU 2300) during their sophomore year. To do so, students can come to the front office in the School of Education for additional information, registration applications, and to start a student file within the School of Education.
- **Junior Year** Students should focus on finishing all major and degree requirements. Students should also complete the "skills" courses by spring quarter of their Junior year. Skills courses will vary depending on endorsement, and can be explored through listed degree requirements.

Transfer Student Route

- Transfer students with 90+ credits should immediately come to the School of Education office to make an advising appointment prior to or the quarter they start at SPU. Transfer students should also immediately begin taking major courses.
- If a student is trying to complete their BA and certification in two years they should take foundations courses (EDU 2100 & 2300) no later than winter quarter of their first year at SPU and complete the student teaching year (methods, integrated, and internship quarters) their second and final year.
- Typically, transfer students will have to take three total years at SPU to add the certification
 program with their bachelor's degree. The sooner transfer students can contact the School of
 Education, the better chance of assisting students to complete sooner.

Music Students

 Students planning to major in Music Education with teacher certification should work closely with their major advisor and make a meeting with the School of Education as soon as possible.

Final Year/Senior Year at SPU (for tradition, transfer, and music students)

• The final year of the certification program is composed of a student teaching internship in a K-12 school in the greater Seattle area, along with methodology courses taken at SPU. The student teaching year is composed of a two-week September Experience, "Methods Quarter" during autumn quarter, "Integrated Quarter" during winter quarter, and "Internship Quarter" during spring quarter. Students can generally take one to two additional courses during autumn quarter, but cannot take any non-SOE courses during winter and spring quarters.