

School of Education
Pacific Lutheran University
Pre-Service Programs: Endorsement Requirements and Procedures
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Elementary Education (K-8)

1. K-8 Multi-subjects Endorsement. Requirements for the K-8 Multi-subject Endorsement are met through the program courses, student teaching, completion of the PPA (pedagogy assessment) and a passing score on the West-E for elementary education.
2. Academic Emphasis→Endorsement. The academic emphasis required for elementary education candidates may become an endorsement by completion of required coursework as designated in the PLU catalog and state guidelines and the completion of any additional coursework to meet all endorsement essential areas as determined by SOE/faculty advisor. In most cases, this means following the prescribed courses outlined for the Elementary Academic Emphasis for the designated area with no substitutions. In some cases (e.g., social studies), particular subject areas as required by the state standards must be covered by coursework. In addition, the West-E in the content area must be passed, and a PPA (pedagogy assessment) must be successfully completed. Because content area endorsements are designated for grades 5-12, the PPA in the content area should be completed in grades 5, 6, 7, or 8. This can be in the regular student teaching placement, or within an additional short-term placement. If a second placement/ pedagogy assessment is required, a \$600.00 charge will be required.

Music and Health and Fitness endorsements must be completed through the respective departments; thus, the academic emphases in these two areas cannot become endorsements for Elementary Education candidates.

3. Reading, Special Education, ESL Endorsements (K-12).

Reading: Candidates may add a Reading Endorsement to a content endorsement/academic emphasis by completing the reading program of study, passing the West-E in reading, and completing a PPA (pedagogy assessment) in their student teaching experience that incorporates reading (this may occur as part of other endorsement PPAs).

Special Education: Candidates may add a Special Education content endorsement/academic emphasis by completing the special education program of study, passing the West-E in special education, and completing a dual student teaching experience in regular education and special education, with pedagogy assessments in each area, as specified in the SPED program of study.

ESL: Candidates may add an ESL endorsement to a content endorsement/academic emphasis by completing the Washington Academy of Languages program of study offered during the summer session through the Languages and Literature Department at PLU, passing the West-E for

ESL/Bilingual, and completing the PPA. A \$600.00 charge for the second pedagogy assessment will be required.

Secondary Education (5-12 Content)

1. Content Area Major Endorsement. Requirements for the Content Area Major Endorsement of the candidate's choice (e.g., English/language arts, social studies, history, etc.) are met through the program courses (both content and pedagogy as required), student teaching, completion of the PPA (pedagogy assessment) and a passing score on the West-E for the chosen content area. Additional Content Endorsements. Candidates may add other content endorsements by completing the required coursework as designated in the PLU catalog and state guidelines as well as any additional coursework to meet all endorsement essential areas as determined by SOE/faculty advisor. A minimum of 20 credits is required. The West-E for the particular content area must be passed successfully, and a pedagogy assessment in the content area must be successfully completed (if the endorsement area is significantly different than the initial endorsement). If a second PPA is needed, a \$600.00 charge for the assessment will be required.
2. Reading, Special Education, ESL Endorsements (K-12).
Reading: Candidates may add a Reading Endorsement to a content endorsement/academic emphasis by completing the reading program of study, passing the West-E in reading, and completing a PPA (pedagogy assessment) in their student teaching experience with an emphasis on integrated reading instruction.
Special Education: Candidates may add a Special Education endorsement to a content endorsement/academic emphasis by completing the special education program of study, passing the West-E in special education, and completing a dual student teaching experience in regular education and special education, with pedagogy assessments in each area, as specified in the SPED program of study.
ESL: Candidates may add an ESL endorsement to a content endorsement/academic emphasis by completing the Washington Academy of Languages program of study offered during the summer session through the Languages and Literature Department at PLU, passing the West-E for ESL/bilingual, and completing the PPA. A \$600.00 charge for the second pedagogy assessment will be required.

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1. K-8 Multi-subjects Endorsement. Requirements for the K-8 Multi-subject Endorsement are met through the program courses, student teaching in a K-8 setting, completion of the PPA (pedagogy assessment) and a passing score on the West-E for elementary education.
2. Content Endorsements. Candidates may qualify for a content endorsement through analysis of their undergraduate degree. The SOE Advisor will analyze coursework against the required coursework as designated in the PLU catalog as well as that of any additional coursework to meet all endorsement essential areas. A minimum of 20 hours of coursework is required for each

endorsement. The West-E for the particular content area must be passed successfully and a PPA (pedagogy assessment) must be completed in the content area (this PPA may be the same as required for #1 above). If a second placement/ pedagogy assessment is required, a \$600.00 charge will be required.

3. Reading. Candidates meet the requirements for the Reading Endorsement by completing the ESR track of the program and the required portfolio; completing the Reading PLUS internship; and passing the West-E in reading. A separate PPA may be required depending on other endorsements.
4. Additional K-12 Endorsements.
Special Education: Candidates may add a Special Education Endorsement by completing the ESR tracks of the program, passing the West-E in special education, and completing a field experience in special education with the completion of a second pedagogy assessment as specified in the SPED program of study. Candidates must complete a dual student teaching experience in regular education and special education (a minimum of 8 weeks in each placement). A \$600.00 charge for the second pedagogy assessment will be required.
ESL: Candidates may add an ESL endorsement by completing the Washington Academy of Languages program of study offered during the second summer of their program (offered through the Languages and Literature Department at PLU), passing the West-E for ESL/bilingual, and completing the PPA. A \$600.00 charge for the second pedagogy assessment will be required.
5. Other Endorsements. Candidates wishing to pursue endorsements additional to this listing should contact the Director of Graduate Studies.

Alternative Routes

1. Content Endorsements. Candidates may qualify for a content endorsement through analysis of their undergraduate degree, particularly in math and science. The SOE Advisor will analyze coursework against the required coursework as designated in the PLU catalog as well as that of any additional coursework to meet all endorsement essential areas. A minimum of 20 hours of coursework is required for each endorsement. The West-E for the particular content area must be passed successfully and a PPA (pedagogy assessment) must be completed in the content area. If additional content area endorsements are sought, a second PPA may be required. If a second placement/ pedagogy assessment is required, a \$600.00 charge will be required.
2. Special Education: Candidates may receive a Special Education Endorsement by completing a special education program of study, passing the West-E in special education, and completing a field experience in special education with the completion of a pedagogy assessment as specified in the SPED program of study. In addition, since SPED is not considered a content area by the state, in order to be considered highly qualified (HQ) by school districts, you are also encouraged to pass the West-E (Praxis II) in a particular subject area.

Depending on the grade level you plan to teach, this could be the content area test for elementary or specific content tests for the various subject areas being taught in grades 7-12. A second PPA will be required and a \$600.00 charge will be assessed.