FAQ Summer Endorsement for English Language Learners

**When/Where are courses offered?**

All coursework is held online at a time to be determined by the instructor. Generally, classes are held in the late afternoon to early evening. Students will not be required to attend PLU facilities unless they are meeting with faculty. Students are, of course, welcome on campus if they would like to come. The schedule has been developed to allow working professionals to maintain employment while pursuing additional credentials. Pacific Lutheran University has partnered with Blackboard Illuminate as our online platform.

**Who can I expect to be in the courses alongside me?**

ELL courses are filled with students from a multitude of degree backgrounds. Students will be working towards or will have completed their Bachelors of Arts in Education or their Masters of Arts in Education degree at the start of the endorsement program. Additionally, there will be some students who are only adding the endorsement to their existing certificate.

**Is a program schedule available?**

Yes, the current program schedule is available on the PLU endorsement page website.

**When must I submit my program application?**

Priority consideration is given to candidates who apply before March 1; however, applications will be accepted until May 1st on a space available basis.

**What is the successful application process?**

**Step 1:** Complete the [online Application Form](https://forms.plu.edu/126)

**Step 2:** Mail the accompanying paper application materials to PLU and include a $40 application fee

**Step 3:** Complete a phone interview in March (please call our office to sign up for a time)

**Step 4:** Offer of admission/waitlist/denial

**Step 5**: Register for classes

**Step 6:** Attend program on-site program and technology orientation.

**Step 7:** Begin coursework

**When will I know if I have been accepted into the program?**

Upon receiving your online application you will receive a confirmation email from PLU’s Professional Development Office. Once your accompanying paper application materials arrive, you will then receive a second confirmation email. When it is determined that you are eligible for the program, you will be contacted for a phone interview. Finally, after the phone interview, an admissions decision will be communicated via e-mail.

**When do I register for coursework?**

Once you are admitted to the program, we will send you the registration form via email. We will then register you for all classes and send the finalized program schedule.

**When and where does fieldwork occur?**

For **English Language Learner** candidates, individual placements will be secured the following fall term through the PLU field office. Candidates will be required to identify a possible host classroom, complete a student teaching application form, and spend one full month in fieldwork to complete program requirements. Before starting fieldwork, candidates are assigned to a university identified field supervisor who will serve as their mentor and PPA evaluator throughout the experience.

**What is a Pedagogy Assessment?**

The Pedagogy Assessment (PPA) is the final evaluation rubric to successfully complete fieldwork. Candidates will become familiar with the Pedagogy Assessment during field experience under the guidance of their assigned PLU field supervisor.

**When does the Pedagogy Assessment occur?**

The Pedagogy assessment requires a minimum of two observations by a university field supervisor. These two observations occur near the end of the field experience.

**What is the West-E?**

The West-E is Washington’s educator skill assessment, required in the process to add an endorsement. The assessment is based on Washington state [endorsement competencies](http://program.pesb.wa.gov/endorsements/list) and must be passed before earning the endorsement. Many resources are available online for candidates including a free practice test and a video on how to prepare.

**When must I complete the West-E to earn the endorsement?**

Candidates are encouraged to begin reviewing test materials and registration dates as early as possible on the [WEST website](http://www.west.nesinc.com/). In order to complete program requirements, candidates MUST successfully pass the West-E subject test prior to be recommended for licensure at the end of their program. Candidates are strongly encouraged to begin looking at West-E tests dates now.

**How much does the program cost?**

**Coursework**

EDUC 950 (2 credits)………………………....$500

EDUC 951 (4 credits)…………………………$1,000

EDUC 952 (3 credits)…………………………$750

EDUC 953 (3 credits)…………………..…….$750

EDUC 954 (3 credits)…………………………$750

EDUC 955 (2 credits)…………………………$500

EDUC 956(1 credits)………………………….$250

EDUC 905 (5 credits)…………………..……$1,250

**Other Costs**

West-E in ELL………………..…………………..$135

Program Application Fee…………………....$40

**TOTAL COST………………………………...$5,925**

**How am I billed?**

Unfortunately, financial aid is not available for this program, as adding an endorsement is not considered a degree. Student may utilize a variety of payment options including in –person, mail, phone, online, or wire.

**Pacific Lutheran University**

**English Language Learners Summer Endorsement Program**

**Summer 2015 Courses Instructor(s)**

EDUC 950 Acquisition: Language Development (Yaden)

EDUC 951 Methods and Leadership: Differentiating Instruction (Yaden, Fortt)

EDUC 952 Reading and Writing: Literacy Development (Kaufman, Gerzso)

EDUC 953 English Structure: Knowledge of Language Systems (Kaufman, Gerzso)

EDUC 954 Listening and Speaking: Oral Proficiency Development (Borcherding)

EDUC 955 Assessments: Issues, Instruments, and Methods (Fortt)

EDUC 956 Cross Cultural Issues: Language, Culture, Teaching, and Learning (Borcherding)

Attn: Reminder to candidates to sign up for the ELL (test 051) [West-E,](http://www.west.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/WA051_TestPage.html) review [preparation materials](http://www.west.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/WA051_PrepMaterials.html) and review the [ELL state competencies](http://program.pesb.wa.gov/endorsements/list/ell)

**Fall 2015 Course**

EDUC 905 Pedagogy Assessment PLU Field Supervisor

EDUC 905 is completed in a cooperating classroom during the academic year.

New Student Orientation: Tentatively Scheduled for **Thursday, May 7, 2015, 5:00pm**

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| **Date** | **Course** | **Time of Meeting** |
| Monday, May 11 | EDUC 950 | 5 – 7pm |
| Tuesday, May 12 | EDUC 950 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Wednesday, May 13 | EDUC 950 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Thursday, May 14 | EDUC 950 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Friday, May 15 |  |  |
| Saturday, May 16 | EDUC 950 | 9-10:30am |
| Sunday, May 17 |  |  |
| Monday, May 18 | EDUC 950 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Tuesday, May 19 | EDUC 950 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Wednesday, May 20 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Thursday, May 21 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Friday, May 22 |  |  |
| Saturday, May 23 |  |  |
| Sunday, May 24 |  |  |
| Monday, May 25 | **HOLIDAY** |  |
| Tuesday, May 26 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Wednesday, May 27 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Thursday, May 28 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Friday, May 29 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Saturday, May 30 |  |  |
| Sunday, May 31 |  |  |
| Monday, June 1 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Tuesday, June 2 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Wednesday, June 3 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Thursday, June 4 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Friday, June 5 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Saturday, June 6 |  |  |
| Sunday, June 7 |  |  |
| Monday, June 8 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Tuesday, June 9 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Wednesday, June 10 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Thursday, June 11 | EDUC 951 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Friday, June 12 |  |  |
| Saturday, June 13 |  |  |
| Sunday, June 14 |  |  |
| Monday, June 15 | EDUC 952 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Tuesday, June 16 | EDUC 952 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Wednesday, June 17 | EDUC 952 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Thursday, June 18 | EDUC 952 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Friday, June 19 | EDUC 952 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Saturday, June 20 |  |  |
| Sunday, June 21 |  |  |
| Monday, June 22 | EDUC 952 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Tuesday, June 23 | EDUC 952 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Wednesday, June 24 | EDUC 952 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Thursday, June 25 | EDUC 952 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Friday, June 26 | EDUC 953 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Saturday, June 27 |  |  |
| Sunday, June 28 |  |  |
| Monday, June 29 | EDUC 953 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Tuesday, June 30 | EDUC 953 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Wednesday, July 1 | EDUC 953 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Thursday, July 2 | EDUC 953 | 5 – 6:30pm |
| Friday, July 3 |  |  |
| Saturday, July 4 | **HOLIDAY** |  |
| Sunday, July 5 |  |  |
| Monday, July 6 | EDUC 953 | 5:00pm – 7:00pm |
| Tuesday, July 7 | EDUC 953 | 5:00pm – 7:00pm |
| Wednesday, July 8 | EDUC 953 | 5:00pm – 7:00pm |
| Thursday, July 9 | EDUC 953 | 5:00pm – 7:00pm |
| Friday, July 10 |  |  |
| Saturday, July 11 |  |  |
| Sunday, July 12 |  |  |
| Monday, July 13 | EDUC 954 | 5:00pm – 7:00pm |
| Tuesday, July 14 | EDUC 954 | 5:00pm – 7:00pm |
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| Saturday, July 25 |  |  |
| Monday, July 27 | EDUC 955 | 4:00-6:00pm |
| Tuesday, July 28 | EDUC 955 | 4:00-6:00pm |
| Wednesday, July 29 | EDUC 955 | 4:00-6:00pm |
| Thursday, July 30 | EDUC 955 | 4:00-6:00pm |
| Friday, July 31 |  |  |
| Saturday, Aug 1 |  |  |
| Sunday, Aug 2 |  |  |
| Monday, Aug 3 | EDUC 955 | 4:00-6:00pm |
| Tuesday, Aug 4 | EDUC 955 | 4:00-6:00pm |
| Wednesday, Aug 5 | EDUC 956 | 4:00-6:30pm |
| Thursday, Aug 6 | EDUC 956 | 4:00-6:30pm |

***Class meeting times and dates subject to change with instructor notification.***

**WEST–E English Language Learners (051)**

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| **Format** | Computer-based test; 110 multiple-choice questions |
| **Time** | 2 hours, 15 minutes |
| **Test Dates** | By appointment year-round, Monday through Saturday (excluding some holidays). |
| **Passing Score** | 240 |
| **Test Fee** | $155 (includes $120 test fee and $35 registration processing fee) |
| **Score Reporting** | Scores are released within 2–6 weeks of testing. Candidates are recommended to sign up for an early August West-E, near the completion of coursework. |