



FAQ Summer Endorsement for English Language & Bilingual Education

When/Where are courses offered?

All coursework is held online in the evening to accommodate working individuals. A sample program schedule is available on the website.

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

ELL and Bilingual courses will include PLU Bachelors students, Masters students and working professionals who are adding the endorsement to their existing certificate.

Is a program schedule available?

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

When must I submit my program application?

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

What is the successful application process?

Step 1: Complete the online [Application Form](#)

Step 2: Mail the accompanying [paper application materials](#) to PLU and include a \$40 application fee

Step 3: Complete a phone interview in March

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 in early May

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 once this form has been returned.

When and where does fieldwork occur?

For **English Language and Bilingual** 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 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. 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 and schedule an August test date.

How much does the program cost?

Coursework

EDUC 950 (2 credits).....	\$500
EDUC 951 (4 credits).....	\$1,000
EDUC 952 (3 credits).....	\$750
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EDUC 955 (2 credits).....	\$500
EDUC 956(1 credits).....	\$250
EDUC 905 (5 credits).....	\$1,250
TOTAL.....	\$5,750

Other Costs

West-E in ELL or Bilingual.....	\$135
OPSI Fee.....	\$48
Program Application Fee.....	\$40

TOTAL COST.....\$5,971

Is Financial Aid Available? How am I billed?

Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) is not available for this program. Private educational loans are available, which can at times be lower interest than graduate federal financial aid. To explore alternative educational loan options participants are encouraged to start with their own private banking, investigate private educational loan options, and explore this [PLU Resource](#).

Applicants are also encouraged to view OSPI’s Educator Retooling Scholarship. The deadlines are: September 22, January 12, and April 27. This is a state scholarship for up to \$3000 for high-need endorsement areas. I would highly encourage you to invest the time in considering applying for this support. [You may learn more here](#).



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