

Program Cost Sheet 2025
Master of Arts in Education
Alt. Route to Certification – Elementary/SPED



The MAE Alternative Routes with Elementary and Special Education Certification has two options. Students can choose to complete both the certification and the degree requirements, or complete the certification portion only.

- The certification portion is 26 semester credits from summer 2025 to spring 2026, plus 18 credits of Continuing Education coursework for the special education endorsement.
- The remaining 8 credits for the MAE degree can be completed within 3 years (by spring 2027).

Tuition is based on a cohort model. Students must complete the program with their cohort to remain eligible for cohort pricing. Tuition for 500-Level education coursework is \$971 per credit. Tuition for 900-Level special education coursework is \$250 per credit. (Courses for special education endorsement are not eligible for federal loans but scholarships may be available.)

Total tuition for certification program with special education coursework (44 credits): \$29,746 (\$971 per credit)

Total tuition for certification with the MAE degree (52 credits): \$37,514 (\$971 per credit)

Additional fees include: technology fee (\$270/year), wellness fee (\$110/year), a one-time matriculation fee (\$205), books and materials for coursework, certification, fingerprinting, etc. (*Subject to change*)

Please note: PLU reserves the right to change course schedule

2025-26 Academic Year		
Term	Credit hours	Cost
Summer 2025	5 courses (10 credits) – 500 Level - \$9,710 8 courses (18 credits) – 900 Level - \$4,500	\$14,210 (\$14,460)
EDUC 510: Teaching Reading and Language Arts (3) EDUC 514: Management and Student Engagement (2) EDUC 544: Sociocultural Foundations of Education (2) EDUC 520: Issues of Child Abuse & Neglect (1) SPED 580: Foundations and Instructional Strategies for Students with Disabilities (2) SPED 912: Team Building & Collaboration (2) SPED 910: Foundations, Assessment, Evaluation (3) SPED 914: Procedures for Students with Mild Disabilities (3) SPED 917: Severe & Profound Disabilities (2) SPED 915: Behavioral Disabilities (3) SPED 911: Developmental Disabilities (2) SPED 921: Autism (1) SPED 916: Issues in Early Childhood Special Education (2) <i>Pacific Northwest History/Since Time Immemorial (1)* (\$250)</i>		
Fall 2025	2 courses (4 credits) – 500 Level	\$3,884
EDUC 565: Elem Reading, Language Arts & Social Studies (2) EDUC 566: Elem Math & Science (2)		
J-Term 2026	1 course (2 credits) – 500 Level	\$1,942
EDUC 564: The Arts, Mind, and Body (2) Required for master's degree, not required for certification: EDUC 528: Reading and Writing Across the K-8 Curriculum (2)		

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Spring 2026	3 courses (10 credits) – 500 Level	\$9,710
SPED 520: Teaching Students with Special Needs (2) EDUC 563B: Integrating Seminar: Internship (2) EDUC 568: Internship in Teaching (6)		
Remaining coursework to be finished within 3 years of start of program		
Summer 2026 – Spring 2028	4 courses (8 credits) – 500 Level	\$7,768
EDUC 528: Reading and Writing Across the K-8 Curriculum (2) EDUC 562: Schools and Society (2) EDUC 563A: Application of Technology Tools for Teachers (2) EPSY 566: Advanced Cognition, Development, & Learning (2)		

***Pacific Northwest History/Since Time Immemorial fulfills the required prerequisite of Pacific Northwest History/STI via a CE credit that is taken in the first summer if it has not previously been taken.**