

Dear Applicant,

We welcome your application to the Division of Education and Leadership, Professional Teacher Licensure Program, part of Western Oregon University's College of Education. Entry to this nationally recognized program is contingent on meeting all of the application requirements and presenting all the necessary documentation by the stated due date. Before an application can be processed, you must complete and submit all items on the Application Checklist.

You may bring up to 4 credits of non-program courses into the Licensure Program, but these courses must be completed through an evening/online/summer course. You will not be able to squeeze these into your daytime commitments once you are in the Professional Licensure Program.

Upon acceptance into the Professional Licensure Program, you will be required to attend an orientation meeting in the term before you are due to start. Orientation meetings are mandatory. Failure to attend will delay the process of placing you in a clinical site and may mean that you will not be able to start the program according to your plans.

Once you have been admitted to the Professional Licensure Program, there will be an ongoing, systematic review of your progress. It will include, but is not limited to, observations of your performance working with youth, faculty evaluations, demonstrated competence in academic and professional work, and recommendations from those who observe you in your clinical experience classroom. Our program is very supportive of our teacher candidates, but admission to the program is not a guarantee of program completion and licensure as a teacher. Only your hard work can ensure your success.

The program is a demanding one. Your work in the program takes precedence over other time and schedule commitments, including non-program courses and outside employment. You should plan on being available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday for term I. Terms II and III will require even greater time commitments, so plan your schedule accordingly.

Early Childhood/Elementary Flexible Cohort Option (Fall Cohort Only): Each fall we offer a 'flexible pathway' OPTION for students who might work as Instructional Assistants or be commuting from longer distances. This option will include one evening class on campus each week from 5-7:50 p.m. and the rest of the program classes offered on alternating Saturdays during the term. This cohort is not guaranteed--if there is not sufficient interest, we will be unable to offer this nontraditional schedule. Preference for this flexible cohort will be given to students who are working full time and/or who have documented need for a flexible schedule.

We, at Western Oregon University, have been fortunate over a long history to find many talented, charismatic, and competent students who wish to enter the teaching profession. We hope that you will be one of those students who will carry on the tradition of excellence in Western Oregon University's Teacher Education Program.

If you have any questions regarding the application procedures, please contact Beth Jones by phone (503) 838-8235, or by e-mail at jonesb@wou.edu .

Sincerely,

Marie Lejeune, PhD
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