



# ECE + ECSE

## PLACE-BASED EARLY CHILDHOOD & SPECIAL EDUCATION

Earn your certification through EWU's innovative, affordable, and flexible alternative teacher prep program. All candidates will earn a P-3 ECE Teaching Certificate, with the option of Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) endorsement.

### EMPHASIS ON PLACE-BASED LEARNING

Place-based education programs immerse students in the culture and experiences of their home environment. This means classes and field placement take place near your home to complete the program requirements.

### Instructional Modalities

You will stay at your current location and join courses via online and in-person instruction led by EWU faculty. This hybrid type of instruction allows for flexibility for work and home, all while meeting teaching and program competencies.

### PATHWAYS TO CERTIFICATION

**If you have earned an AA degree\***, you will turn the AA degree into a bachelor's degree and earn the ECE P-3 teaching certification with the option to add an ECSE endorsement.

**If you have earned an BA degree without a teaching certificate**, you will earn the ECE P-3 teaching certification with the option to add an ECSE endorsement.

**If you have not earned an AA or BA degree** you can start with a community college. You can take a seamless pathway from community colleges to EWU to earn a bachelor's degree with an ECE P-3 teaching certification with the option to add an ECSE endorsement.

*\* Accepted: Associate in Applied Science-T (AAS-T), Associate of Art Direct Transfer Agreement (AADTA), Associate in Arts & Science (AAS)*

### BENEFITS

- Complete a teacher education Bachelor of Arts program, and earn a p-3 teacher certificate and endorsements in as few as six quarters
- Work closely with experienced early childhood education faculties
- Turn an AA degree into a bachelor's degree
- Seamless online program from our partner community colleges to EWU
- Add endorsements into your current teaching certificate



Earn your  
teacher certificate



The role of a teacher is one of the most recognized and appreciated careers in our society. Dedicated professionals and life-long learners, **teachers are committed to educating our most precious resource: our children**

### HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested, please contact a School of Education advisor for a transcript and prerequisite evaluation at [ewueducation@ewu.edu](mailto:ewueducation@ewu.edu).

### Prerequisites

- GPA above 2.8, at least 101 credit hours completed
- WEST-B, ACT or SAT score sent to EWU

Must earn a B- or higher in all prerequisite courses \*

- EDUC 390 (3cr)
- SPED 363 (4cr)
- ENGL 201 (5cr)
- MATH 208 or 107
- CMST 200 (4cr), CMST 201 (5cr), or CMST 340 (5cr) or approved equivalent

\* Available at EWU and partner community colleges

If all prerequisites are met, a later enrollment may be allowed and authorized by an EWU School of Education advisor.

Place-based program enrollment starts in **each spring quarter**. Applicants must be accepted by EWU no later than the **September 1st**, and contact [ewueducation@ewu.edu](mailto:ewueducation@ewu.edu) to be included in the place-based program application list. In the following fall and winter quarter, applicants will complete the prerequisites.

### Pathways 1 and 2 (with earned AA or BA degree)

- Start your journey **ASAP with EWU**
- Before **Jan. 10** : notify [ewueducation@ewu.edu](mailto:ewueducation@ewu.edu) intent to apply
- During **fall and winter** quarter: complete prerequisites, complete application process
- Start with place-based program in **spring**.
- Complete early childhood education core courses in 6 quarters
- Earn your teaching certificate and endorsement(s)

### Pathway 3

- Start your journey: apply to EWU articulation program at community colleges
- Complete pathway Part 1 at partner community colleges. Be sure to follow your advisor's guide on the transfer articulation
- Before **Jan. 10th**: contact [ewueducation@ewu.edu](mailto:ewueducation@ewu.edu) for application
- During **winter** quarter: complete prerequisites, complete application process
- Start with place-based program in **spring**
- Continue the pathway on EWU's end and complete early childhood education core courses in 6 quarters
- Earn your teaching certificate and endorsement(s)



According to the U.S. Department of Education Teacher Shortage Area report for 2021-2022, Washington has across-the-board shortages in elementary education (inclusive of early childhood education) and special education (inclusive of early childhood special education). And, Washington Education Association expects this statewide teacher shortage to continue for the next 5-10 years.



Eastern Washington University has provided high-quality education for teachers and school personnel since 1882. The early childhood education program at EWU is **one of the first to be offered online in Washington state**. Our mission is to prepare student-centered educators to be professionals, leaders, scholars, and practitioners.