

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

PACIFIC LUTERAN UNIVERSITY MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION



DESCRIPTION

Do you want to make a positive difference in children’s lives? The Alternative Route to Certification is a collaboration among Pacific Lutheran University; regional school districts, including Bethel, Clover Park, Puyallup, Franklin Pierce and many others. Admitted candidates spend one year in course and fieldwork to become fully endorsed in Elementary Education, or Secondary Education. Special Education is a priority of this program and candidates at Elementary or Secondary can also pursue a Special Education Endorsement.

STEPS TO APPLY

1. Contact PLU's Education Department to answer any program-related questions. (contact information below)
2. If you are currently employed by a school district, contact your HR department and let them know of your intention to apply.
3. Complete a program application through GradCAS. www.gradcas.liaisoncas.com
4. Gather and submit transcripts from your previous institutions.
5. Sign up and pass the WEST-B or equivalent by application deadline
6. Wait for us to contact you with next steps.

WEST-B

You may not need to take the WEST-B exam. If you scored high enough on your SAT or ACT test, you are exempt from taking the WEST-B. Exemptions apply to the subtests too; meaning you must only take the sections you are lacking.

WEST-B	ACT	SAT
Reading	Reading – 22	Reading-500
Writing	Writing – 8	Writing-490
Math	Math – 22	Math-515

TIME LINE

SUMMER

Candidates will begin on-campus and online coursework. Opportunities for professional development and induction will be provided throughout the summer term.

FALL

Candidates will start working in the classroom, continue with certification coursework and will begin work with their supervisors and mentor teachers.

SPRING

Candidates will continue work toward certification requirements to finish the program!

ELIGIBILITY, THE IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR THIS PROGRAM:

DESIRE

MUST HAVE A DESIRE TO WORK WITH VULNERABLE STUDENT POPULATIONS

1 YEAR

TO BECOME CERTIFIED AND DUALY ENDORSED.

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MUST HAVE A 4-YEAR DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY OR FOREIGN EQUIVALENT.

COSTS & FUNDING

COSTS (Tuition based on 2018-2019 rates)

Elementary Coursework.....	\$20,625.00
Secondary Coursework.....	\$15,675.00
Special Education Coursework	\$4,500.00
Application Fee.....	WAIVED
Tests & Assessments (Varies)	
.....	\$95 - \$300 each

FUNDING

Paff (SPED) Scholarship.....	\$4,500.00
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(separate application required)

Eligible for Federal Financial Aid