

Education, Elementary

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The Teacher Education Program at College of Western Idaho is excited to help future elementary teachers prepare for teacher certification in the state of Idaho by providing the first two years of a Bachelor's degree. We work closely with our local four-year partners and offer an Associate degree that can be customized to match the requirements of the Teacher Education Program that best meets your educational needs. Course work in the Teacher Education Program includes foundations in education, social systems and diversity, exceptionalism in the schools, and educational technology. Throughout the program, students have the opportunity to observe teachers in local K-8 schools to see firsthand the skills, knowledge, and attitudes taught in the coursework. The program concludes with a capstone class that aids students in building an evidence-based e-portfolio that highlights their work and helps prepare them for admission into a four-year college or university.

MISSION

The Teacher Education Program provides students foundational skills, knowledge, and dispositional development to prepare them for entry into a Teacher Education Program at a four-year college or university. This is accomplished through active learning in the classroom and online as well as through observations and teaching opportunities in the local k-12 schools.

WHY THIS PROGRAM

People interested in becoming teachers in grades K through 8 would want to consider an Elementary Education degree. Designed to provide the first two years of a four year degree, CWI's Elementary Education program partners with local four year colleges and universities to promote ease of transfer and continual degree progression.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN TO DO

- Uncover your true motivation for becoming a teacher and assess whether or not to become an educator
- Learn teacher language and concepts
- Identify the major roles of a teacher (i.e. leader, mentor, manager, planner, and motivator)
- Discuss the importance of peer groups, mass media, community services, ecology of families, parenting, schooling, teaching, and socialization methods and outcomes
- Understand the difference between normal development and abnormal development
- Identify characteristics, prevalence, origination, and contributing factors related to 13 disabilities and Gifted and Talented students
- Plan and design effective learning environments, experiences, curriculum plans and understand methods and strategies for applying technology to maximize student learning
- Demonstrate a proficient Teacher Education e-Portfolio

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STUDENT CLUBS



Future Educators Club - old

The Future Educators Club is a club where like-minded education majors and students interested in becoming a teacher can come together to learn, share, inspire and teach. A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of...

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Complete a minimum of 55 hours of observation/participation with a certified teacher.
- Partner with Micron Technology to get real classroom experience.
- Get involved with the school and larger educational community with guest speakers and additional opportunities with the Future Educators Club.
- Complete volunteer opportunities to build professional connections.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Elementary Education - Associate of Arts Degree, 24 Months

Delivery Formats: In-Person, Hybrid, Online

CAREER INFORMATION

Employment Outlook

Most of the openings in education will result from workers and educators retiring. In the future there may not be enough teachers graduating from college to fill the job openings. Positions in math, science, bilingual, and special education will continue to be difficult to fill. However, many state governments and local school districts are facing budget problems. As a result, schools are cutting support services and some educational programs. If these financial problems continue, more schools will combine and more programs will be cut. As a result employment may grow more slowly.

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PROFESSIONS

- K-8 Elementary Teacher
- K-8 Special Education Teacher
- K-8 Teacher Assistants
- K-8 Health Specialty Teachers
- K-8 Music Specialty Teachers
- K-8 Computer Science Specialty Teachers
- K-8 Bilingual and Multilingual Education
- K-8 English as a Second or Foreign Language (ESL) Instructor
- K-8 Literacy Specialist
- Instructional Coordinators
- Educational, Guidance, School and Vocational Counselors
- Parent Teachers
- Self-Enrichment Education Teachers

LOCATIONS

Nampa Campus Aspen Classroom Building

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