Associate in Elementary Education

The Tacoma Community College Associate in Elementary Education degree (DTA/MRP) is directly transferable to most major baccalaureate institutions in Washington State. Students completing this degree will be regarded as having the minimum preparation for consideration to admission to the various elementary education teacher preparation programs.

Students who complete this degree will normally be granted junior standing upon admission to one of these institutions. However, some baccalaureate institutions have unique course requirements which must be completed for graduation. The requirements of individual university departments must also be met. Some institutions require foreign language for admission. Foreign language can be incorporated into humanities and/or electives.

Students are reminded that successful completion of this coursework does not guarantee admission to a university college of education. Additional criteria, such as grade point average, community service, leadership activities, and prior classroom experience (e.g. volunteer tutoring) may also be used by a college of education in making admissions decisions.

CORE REQUIREMENTS (20 CREDITS)

Written Communication Skills
ENGL& 101 .................................................. English Composition I ................................................................. 5
ENGL& 102 .................................................. Composition II: Argument & Persuasion ........................................... 5
or ENGL 103 .................................................. Composition III: Writing about Literature

Quantitative Skills
MATH& 131 .................................................. Math for Elementary Teachers 1 ....................................................... 5
MATH& 132 .................................................. Math for Elementary Teachers 2 ....................................................... 5

DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS (50 CREDITS)

Humanities (15 credits)
CMST& 220 .................................................. Public Speaking ........................................................................ 5
MUSC 120 .................................................. Music in the Classroom ................................................................. 5
or MUSC 100 .................................................. Music Fundamentals
ART 180 .................................................. Art for Elementary Education ......................................................... 5
or ART& 100 .................................................. Art Appreciation

Social Sciences (20 credits)
Required (15 credits)
EDUC& 205 .................................................. Introduction to Education w/Field Experience ............................... 5
Choice of: ........................................ US History .......................................................................................... 5
Choice of: ........................................ World Civilization or non-Western History ........................................... 5

Recommended (5 credits)
Choice of: ........................................ ECON&, GEOG, POLS, PSYC, SOC or additional HIST .......................... 5

Note: WSU, CWU, and SM require PSYC& 200 Lifespan Psychology

Natural Sciences (15 credits)
Choice of: ........................................ BIOL ................................................................................................ 5
Choice of: ........................................ GEOL, GEOG 205, 210, OCEA& ......................................................... 5
Choice of: ........................................ CHEM& or PHYS ............................................................................. 5

Note: Two of the above must be lab sciences
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (20 CREDITS)

*Multicultural Education (5 credits)*
EDUC 220 ............................................. Diversity in Education ................................................................. 5
or ANTH 207, SOC 262, 287

*Physical Education (3 credits)*
PE 295 .................................................. PE for Elementary Teachers ......................................................... 3
or 3 credits PE activity

*Electives (12 credits)*
Additional content courses (e.g., social sciences, humanities, sciences, mathematics) designed to meet endorsement competencies and/or academic majors. Recommended ENGL 280 Literatures of Diversity.

TOTAL CREDITS: 90

**Notes:**

1. Students are required to pass the WEST-B before admissions to most teacher preparation programs. More information including test dates, registration, costs and study guides can be found at [www.westnesinc.com/index.htm](http://www.westnesinc.com/index.htm)

2. Students should have clear intentions to transfer to a particular baccalaureate institution as soon as possible and are urged to plan their course of study by consulting specific transfer and degree requirements of the institution or academic program in which they intend to earn the their teacher certification.

3. Grade point average requirements for application into teacher education programs vary from 2.50 to 3.0, we suggest that students check with the baccalaureate institution where they intend to transfer.

4. Current information about teacher education can be found at [www.teachwashington.org](http://www.teachwashington.org)

5. Students should be able to demonstrate computer literacy in software programs including word processing, PowerPoint, spreadsheets, in addition to being proficient on the internet. These skills may be demonstrated through a portfolio of files gathered during their education coursework.