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Lesley University at Tacoma Community College (TCC) Advising Information for Programs Leading to

## Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

with a Specialization in Human Development with Washington Certification in Special Education

or

with a Specialization in American Studies with Washington Certification in Elementary Education

These programs are particularly designed for those students at TCC and other Washington Community Colleges interested in becoming a Special Education or Elementary Education teacher. The Special Education program prepares teachers to work with culturally and linguistically diverse students with disabilities in the least restrictive environments in public and private schools, clinical settings, and collaborative programs.

The Elementary Education program develops the knowledge and skills needed to address the needs of all learners in grades K–8. It takes a critical pedagogical approach, equipping students with the ability to read and write critically, consider issues of power and justice, recognize bias and stereotype, value diversity, and examine environmental issues.

For each of these 2+2 transfer programs students may bring at least 66 semester credits (90 quarter credits) into the program acquired through completion of an Associate degree.

### Pre-Requisites and Admissions Requirements:

These programs are designed for students at TCC and other Washington Community Colleges interested in this transfer option to Lesley University.

#### Application Process

- Application may be submitted online or in hard copy
- Two recommendations  
(forms available online or in paper)
- Personal statement (2 pages)
- Official transcripts of all colleges/universities attended

#### Passing WEST B scores

WEST B test is required by Washington State for admission into any teacher preparation program. It is a basic skills test in reading, writing, and math. You may take one or all sub-tests during any test date. For registration, study materials, and test dates, go to [www.west.nesinc.com](http://www.west.nesinc.com)

**NOTE:** Arts and Sciences Distribution Courses listed below must be completed before beginning the program.

#### Pre-Requisites (Arts and Sciences Distribution)

Arts and Science Distribution courses are required to be completed with a grade of C or better by the time you begin the program. Courses must be college-level (100 or higher). You may transfer a total of 90-quarter (66 semester) credits to Lesley University including the courses below:

- Two Writing Courses (for example English&101, English&102, or English&103)
- One Math (Math&131 or Math&132 is recommended)
- Five Humanities: 1 US History (any time period) | English or American Literature | 1 Humanities Elective (foreign language, philosophy, communication, religion, additional literature, history, or art) | 2 Art (arts with drama, dance, music, or art)
- Three Social Sciences (anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology, sociology, or education by advisement)
- Three Natural Sciences—2 with lab (biology, botany, geology, earth science, chemistry, physics, oceanography, or environmental science)
- English 282 at TCC
- PE 295 (if applying for American Studies/Elementary Education)

The application process requires that you submit current transcripts to the Lesley at TCC Program Coordinator as soon as possible for review and advising. Transcripts may be unofficial for this purpose.

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### Additional Information and Resources

The following departments and people can serve as resources and provide assistance during the application, admission, and registration process:

#### Application Questions *(submission, outstanding components, processing)*

Colin Downs-Dudley, Admissions Counselor  
617.349.8734 | [cdownsdu@lesley.edu](mailto:cdownsdu@lesley.edu)

#### Initial transcript review, WEST-B questions, English 282 questions

Mary Jo Larsen, Program Coordinator  
[mlarsen2@lesley.edu](mailto:mlarsen2@lesley.edu)

#### Veteran's Benefits

[lesley.edu/services/financial\\_aid/yellow\\_ribbon.html](http://lesley.edu/services/financial_aid/yellow_ribbon.html)

**Financial Aid** *(application questions, transferring aid from another institution, accepting your award, alternative financing)*

[finaid@lesley.edu](mailto:finaid@lesley.edu) | 617.349.8581 | fax: 617.349.8667 | [lesley.edu/financial.html](http://lesley.edu/financial.html)

- Remember, if you start in Summer term, you will need a FAFSA for the prior academic year
- Send all official transcripts to admissions as soon as possible to ensure an accurate award based on your full amount of transfer credits

**TEACH Grant** *(federal grant available to special education candidates)*

[lesley.edu/services/financial\\_aid/teach.html](http://lesley.edu/services/financial_aid/teach.html)

**Student Accounts** *(payments, payment plans)*

[studentaccounts@lesley.edu](mailto:studentaccounts@lesley.edu) | 617.349.8760 | [lesley.edu/bursar.html](http://lesley.edu/bursar.html)

#### Apply Online

[www.lesley.edu/apply](http://www.lesley.edu/apply)

Lesley University  
29 Everett Street  
Cambridge, MA 02138  
800.999.1959

*You can call this toll-free number then enter the last four digits of the person or department number listed above.*

For additional information, consult the Lesley A to Z page which lists and links to all campus departments, resources and activities:

[www.lesley.edu/atoz.html](http://www.lesley.edu/atoz.html)