

Education Majors

Certification Tracks

- Early Childhood Education Major (birth -grade 3)
- Elementary Education Major (grades 1-6)
- Health Education Major (grades K-12)
- Middle School Education Major (grades 5-9)
Concentrations English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences
- Physical Education Major (grades K-12)
- Secondary School Education Major (grades 9-12)
Concentrations Biology/Business/Chemistry, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Sciences
- Spanish Education Major (grades K-12)

Non-Certification Tracks

- Education Curriculum Studies Major
- Education Minor

The Western College Teacher Education Program is designed so that majors complete a course of study approved by the Michigan Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), which will lead to recommendation for certification in the chosen major and concentration areas. Students who pass for a teaching career must meet professional education requirements specified by DESE, as well as the program requirements of Western College. Final certification approval is determined by DESE and not by Western College. Academic certification requirements by DESE, consist of:

- the completion of degree program and submission of official transcripts
- a 3.0 or higher GPA in education coursework and content courses, if applicable;
- passing the appropriate state required content assessment (PAIS)
- and a cumulative combined student teaching evaluation score of 42 or higher

All students seeking a certification must be accepted into the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in order to complete their degree. To be admitted into TEP, students must:

- declare their major in an education certification track;
- obtain a 3.0 or higher GPA in education coursework and content courses, if applicable;
- receive positive identification scores from education faculty members and

EDUCATION MAJORS

Elementary Education

Professor B. Branganer S. Seob
Associate Professor T. Enor
Assistant Professor S. Hain (chair)
Instructor C. Echelmeier C. Webb, L. Williams

Contact Dr Saah Hain
Email: saah.hain@wmo.edu

Please refer to the Education Major Information page of the Campus Catalog for complete
Education major information.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY SHEET

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Major: Elementary Education

Student Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Advisor		Date Major Declared

Course Code	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
Required Core Courses				
EDU 101	Introduction to Teaching	1		
EDU/HES 207	School Health, PE & Safety in Elementary	3		
EDU 210	Literacy for Children and Youth (ENG 106)	3		
EDU/PSY 221	Education Psychology	3		
EDU 230	Child and Adolescent Growth and Development	3		
EDU 231	Education of Exceptional Individuals	3		
EDU 260	Emergency Literacy (EDU 101)	3		
EDU 290	Foundations of Education (EDU 101)	3		
EDU 291	Education Practice I (EDU 101)	2		
EDU 306	Teaching Reading (EDU 290, 291)	3		
EDU 307	Teaching STEAM in 21st Century Classrooms (EDU 101, 231, 290, 291, and declaration of Major in Education)			
EDU 308	Methods of Teaching Social Studies in Elementary and Middle Schools (EDU 290, 291)	3		
EDU 309	Teaching Writing (ENG 106, one WI core)	3		
EDU 350	Teaching Digital Literacy (EDU 101, 231)	3		
EDU 385	Directed Education (one of the following: EDU 101, 290, PSY 113, SOC 111, ASF 771, JETO)			

