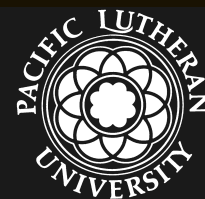


ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO CERTIFICATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM



PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

DESCRIPTION

Do you want to make a positive difference in children's lives? The Alternative Route to Certification Block Grant partnership is a collaboration among Pacific Lutheran University; regional school district partners, including Bethel, Clover Park, Puyallup and Franklin Pierce; and the Puget Sound Educational Service District. Admitted candidates spend one year in course and fieldwork to become fully endorsed in Special Education AND Elementary or Secondary education. Candidates for this program may be eligible for scholarship funds.

STEPS TO APPLY

1. Contact PLU's Education Department to answer any program-related questions. (contact info below)
2. If you are currently employed by one of the partner districts (see above), contact your HR department and let them know of your intention to apply!
3. Complete a program application form through PLU's website
4. Gather and submit transcripts from your previous institutions
5. Sign up and pass the WEST-B or equivalent by March 20, 2016. (see right)
6. Wait for us to contact you with the 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 subtest too; meaning you must only take the sections you are lacking.

WEST-B	ACT Equivalent	SAT Equivalent
Reading	Reading-22	Reading-500
Writing	Writing Plus-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 2015-16 rates. Subject to change)

Certification Coursework	\$15,675
Special Education Coursework.....	\$4,500
Application Fee.....	Waived
Tests & Assessments <i>(varies)</i>	\$95-\$300 each

FUNDING

ARC Block Grant Scholarship	\$8,000
<i>(Contingent on Availability/Approval of Grant)</i>	
Paff Scholarship.....	\$4,500
<i>(Separate application required)</i>	
Eligible for Federal Financial Aid	