Secondary Education endorsement area testing (WEST-E/NES) requirement for the Master in Teaching (MIT) or Post-Baccalaureate (PB) Programs

Content Test Policy:
The state of Washington requires a passing score on an endorsement (content) area test (i.e., the WEST-E or NES) as evidence of sufficient knowledge to qualify a teacher in a content area. Applicants to Secondary Education’s Master in Teaching (MIT) or Post-Baccalaureate (PB) programs must show passing scores for WEST-E or NES at the time of application to the program.

Rationale:
Applicants to teacher programs, who have a bachelor’s degree and adequate academic preparation, can demonstrate their academic knowledge with passing scores in WEST-E or NES scores. The state of Washington has established policy so that institutions with specific endorsement courses have flexibility for non-Western graduates or Western students with a unique academic major. If you are unsure if your academic history will meet the requirements for the content test, talk with an advisor about recommended courses to take before applying.

The content methods course(s) will still be required for all our candidates, and typically are taken after admittance to Secondary Education (e.g., MATH 483 will be a requirement of all math endorsement applicants).

Secondary Education is now implementing this policy for recruitment to our UG/PB and MIT programs. Benefits to teacher applicants might include taking the test while content information is still “fresh”, and completing the test early.

Process:
Prospective applicants to Secondary Education’s MIT or post-bac. program must plan early in order for passing scores to be on record at Western by the application deadline. It is recommended to take the exam at least 4-6 weeks prior to application deadline and request for scores to be sent to WWU.

Applicants may be advised to take courses to help them with specific knowledge relevant to Washington secondary schools (e.g., social studies will be advised to take HIST 391 - History of the Pacific Northwest). To request an optional endorsement evaluation, send your unofficial transcripts to the Woodring Certification Officer, TeacherEd.Admission@wwu.edu, and indicate the endorsement you are seeking.

- If bachelor’s degree is complete:
  Official passing WEST-E or NES score is required by the application deadline. A short-term option will be in place for winter 2019 applicants- this option requires an attempt to pass the exam by the application deadline and to ensure, if admitted, that passing scores are on record prior to the first day of SEC program classes.

- If bachelor’s degree is not complete at time of application:
  An attempt must be made to pass the exam by the application deadline; and if admitted, to have the passing score before the first day of MIT classes.


Woodring website:  https://wce.wwu.edu/cert/content-test-resource-site