Student Teaching/Internship

Congratulations, if you are thinking about internship, you are almost THERE! This is very exciting for you. Only a couple of more quarters and you are a TEACHER! Internship is NOT automatic. You must apply by the due dates posted by the Office of Field Experiences on their website at wce.wwu.edu/ofe. Usually students apply for internship two quarters in advance of their expected start date. You can find student teacher applications on their website.

If you are completing the SPED + ELED program you will have two quarter-long internships. Your will do your first quarter internship in a SPED placement where you will do the edTPA and then you will do the next quarter in an elementary placement. If you are in SPED + Content, you have one internship. In either case, you will work closely with the staff in the Office of Field Experiences. Please be prepared for orientations and lots of information. For more information about internships and opportunities, please see the following: https://wce.wwu.edu/ofe/internship-materials.

If you are in the Exceptionality & Disability, BAE, you will arrange your internship through your advisor. You will spend one full-time quarter in one agency or organization and learn the ropes. This is an exciting time for you. You are almost THERE!

Pay close attention to dates. It is absolutely necessary to follow all dates and procedures for preparation for internship.

Check your email every day for important notifications.

Make sure that you attend the Mandatory Internship Orientation. This is absolutely crucial to prepare for success.

Elementary student teaching can be completed internationally. If you are interested and qualify, contact Laura Wellington, Director Office of Field Certification:

Certification: Before the start of your internship, you will receive information about certification. Refer to your Student Teaching Handbook that you will receive at Internship Orientation. If you have additional questions or concerns visit the webpage at wce.wwu.edu/cert/residency-certificate-application, then contact the Certification Office, CertOffice@wwu.edu.