

How long will my teacher education program take?

Undergraduates should consult a teacher education advisor as soon as they decide to do teacher education. Teacher education at Jewell is designed to be completed within the four year degree program but there are certification requirements which must be folded into degree requirements and that requires careful advising.

The **post-baccalaureate** certification programs are designed to be done in three to four semesters depending upon course work completed within the earlier undergraduate degree.

Are tests required for teacher certification?

Yes, different (by program) entry and exist tests are required for all teacher education students.

Entry tests

Undergraduates must submit ACT or SAT scores. In addition, Missouri requires undergraduate teacher education students to pass the CBASE prior to admission to teacher education (not College admission).

Post-baccalaureate students must pass the required content PRAXIS II content area/pedagogy test for entry to the secondary program or the CBASE for entry to the elementary program.

I don't plan to teach in Missouri. Do I have to meet all of the Missouri requirements?

Yes. Other states predicate their certification on the teacher education candidate having completed an approved teacher education program in the state where they did teacher education. Thus all Missouri requirements must be met.

Can I teach in other states?

Yes. Missouri requirements match well with other state's requirements so that our graduates have no problems getting certified to teach in other states (although an additional 1-2 courses or a different exit test may be required by other states). The WJC teacher certification officer will help you to interpret other states' certification procedures.

Do William Jewell College teachers get jobs?

Yes. The teaching market varies by year and location but William Jewell College teacher education program placement rates range from 85-100% in any given year.



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I want to be a teacher!

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William Jewell College

Educating the Intentional Teacher

Teacher Education at William Jewell College

Does William Jewell College offer teacher certification?

Yes:

- ✚ At the **undergraduate** level, William Jewell's Department of Education offers: Full-time, day school teacher education in either elementary or secondary education.
- ✚ For persons who **already possess a baccalaureate or advanced degree**, William Jewell's Department of Education offers day school **post-baccalaureate** elementary or secondary teacher certification without an additional degree.

Do I have to double major?

Elementary education majors must minor or complete a defined area of concentration (minimum 21 credit hours) in a content field that is taught in elementary school.

Secondary undergraduate teacher education majors must double major in the field they desire to teach.

Post-baccalaureate teacher certification students must already possess a major or the equivalent of a major in the secondary field that they

desire to teach or in a field related to the elementary curriculum.

In which subject areas does WJC offer teacher education programs?

Elementary generalist – prepared to teach a contained classroom, grades 1-6.

Secondary – prepared to teach one of the following subjects in a 9-12 classroom:

Biology Chemistry Physics
English Social Studies
Mathematics Speech & Theatre
Physical Education

OR a K-12 classroom:

Art French Spanish
Instrumental Music Vocal Music

When will I be in a classroom?

All undergraduate teacher education students complete four formal field experiences plus there are other field experiences embedded in some courses.

- 1) During the second semester of your first year or anytime your second year you will work in a suburban classroom while you simultaneously learn about the role of the teacher and basic lesson planning skills.
- 2) Late in your second year or early in your third year you will work in an urban classroom while learning how to

meet the needs of individuals and groups of students.

3) Late in your third year or early in your fourth year you will work in a rural classroom while you learn how to assess learning difficulties and plan differentiated instruction.

4) During your final field experience you will enter student teaching. You enter your student teaching classroom for several weeks during the semester before student teaching to become familiar with the students, your cooperating teacher, the classroom, and the school. Then during a full semester student teaching experience you gradually assume full control and teach.

Where will I student teach?

William Jewell College works with many schools in the metro Kansas City area. We will select a placement in which you will have the best experience possible. You may request an urban, rural or suburban student teaching placement if you so desire.

What teaching certificate will I get if I do teacher education at WJC?

Missouri Initial Professional Certificate (IPC) in:

Elementary 1-6 OR Secondary 9-12 or K-12 (by subject area).