



Shape Young Minds To Do Great Things – Become a Teacher!

Earn Your Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education

Elementary teachers are in high demand! Local school districts are looking for qualified teachers who work well in, and are reflective of their diverse student populations.

Highline College's Bachelor of Applied Science in Elementary Education is an accredited, affordable two-year program designed for working professionals. Upon completion you will work as a certified elementary, ELL (English Language Learner), or middle school teacher in grades K-8.

Our program is accredited by the Professional Educators Standards Board (PESB). You will work in the classroom with K-8 students through structured field experiences and internships. We provide guided mentorships working with state-certified teachers and our teaching faculty.

CAREER OUTLOOK

In King County, the average starting salary for certified K-8 teachers with bachelor's degrees is \$64,000 per academic year. In 2023 the average wage for elementary and middle school teachers was \$98,789. Job growth locally is twice the national average, at over 17% for the past 10 years. (Lightcast, 2023). Job prospects are strong!

SAMPLE CAREERS INCLUDE:

Certificated Elementary or Middle School School Teacher (K-8), After School Program Director, Camp Director, K-8 School Administration, Curriculum Development, Education Policy / Research.

PROGRAM COST: \$14,772 plus books and other fees, or about half of what you would pay at a state university such as UW-Tacoma.

PROGRAM LENGTH: Two years for full-time students. (Full-time is 12 credits or more)

PROGRAM MODALITY: Classes are offered in-person, online, hybrid, and Zoom, designed around your busy schedule.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY: Completed a regionally accredited associate degree (Direct Transfer Agreement), or an AAS or AAS-T degree in Paraeducation or Early Childhood Education. Other associate degrees will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

START HERE, STAY HERE!

Do your first two years here in our established Early Childhood Education or Paraeducator department, then seamlessly transition to upper-division coursework. A bachelor's degree in Elementary Education opens the door to much higher wages, and prepares you for progression to a master's degree from other accredited colleges and universities.



GET STARTED!



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“ By becoming an elementary school teacher, I have the opportunity to make a positive impact on children's lives during their crucial formative years. ”

— **SHAIMA SALEH**, Bachelor of Applied Science in Elementary Education