EDUCATION

Teachers play a direct role in the life of almost every person and in the development of society as a whole. Shortages of trained educators are anticipated in the near future as many of those currently working in the profession reach retirement age.

Elementary teachers instruct students in basic concepts in several subjects, including mathematics, language arts, science, and social studies. They also introduce small children to formal learning in kindergarten.

Secondary teachers usually specialize in teaching one subject to high school students such as English, music, history, mathematics, languages, biology, chemistry, or others. Many secondary teachers spend at least some time teaching outside of their subject area. Duties may also include attending staff meetings, supervising extracurricular activities and meeting with parents.

A minimum of a bachelor’s degree plus teaching certification is required to teach in grades kindergarten through 12.

Prospective education students should consult with an education advisor to plan a course of study. At Clark College, students usually complete General Education Requirements within the Associate in Arts degree. A specific course of study should be planned based on the requirements of the senior institution where the student will transfer.

- Elementary Education - Transfer to WSU Vancouver (AA) (https://catalog.clark.edu/academic-plans/education/elementary-education-transfer-wsu-vancouver-aa)