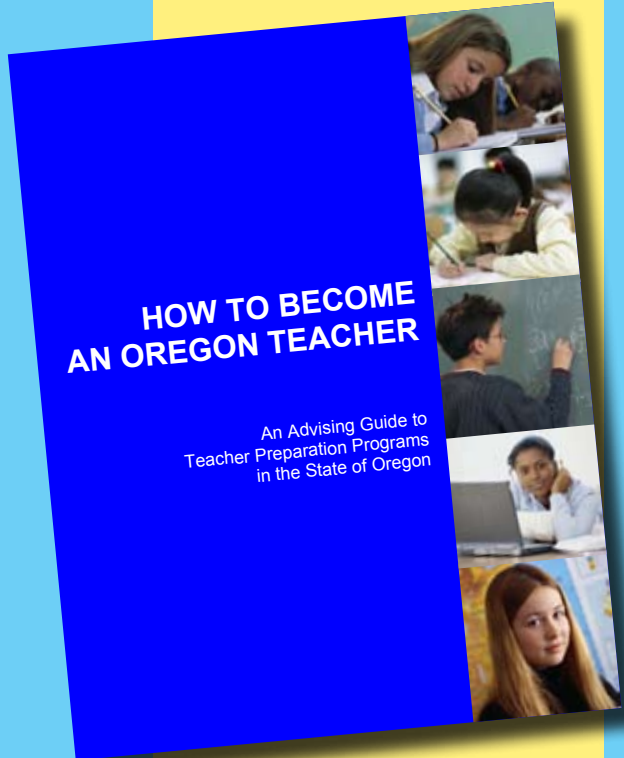


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HOW TO BECOME AN OREGON TEACHER

Teacher Preparation
Programs
in the
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Teaching is one of the most complex and intellectually demanding professions you can choose. It is also one of the most rewarding, dynamic, creative, and fun. Teaching is about conveying a love of learning and discovery, and giving students tools they can use throughout their lives.

LEARN ABOUT TEACHING

- Volunteer in a local school
- Participate in internships
- Work at summer schools or camps
- Talk to current teachers about the profession

Some people will enter a four-year undergraduate program right after high school and begin taking prerequisite courses for the teacher preparation program; some will transfer to a teacher preparation program from a community college; some will decide to seek a teaching credential through a fifth-year/MAT/MEd program after completing an undergraduate degree; and others may decide to pursue a teaching career later in life.

SEEK ADVISING EARLY

Early contact with a postsecondary academic advisor is key!

See the online Advising Guide at www.ous.edu/teachedguide.htm for the contact persons within Oregon community colleges and within Oregon's teacher preparation programs.

Some Oregon institutions offer undergraduate teacher preparation programs, some offer fifth-year/MAT/MED teacher programs and some offer both.

Institutions with Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Programs

- Cascade College
- Concordia University
- Corban College
- Eastern Oregon University
- George Fox University
- Linfield College
- Multnomah University
- Northwest Christian College
- Oregon State University
- Pacific University
- Southern Oregon University
- University of Portland
- Warner Pacific College
- Western Oregon University

Institutions with Graduate Level Teacher Preparation Programs

- Concordia University
- Corban College
- Eastern Oregon University
- George Fox University
- Lewis and Clark College
- Marylhurst University
- Multnomah University
- Oregon State University
- Pacific University
- Portland State University
- Southern Oregon University
- University of Oregon
- University of Phoenix
- University of Portland
- Warner Pacific College
- Western Oregon University
- Willamette University

Think about what ages (authorization levels) you want to teach. Oregon's teacher education programs prepare candidates for the unique learning needs within four **authorization levels** that are aligned with licensure requirements.

AUTHORIZATION LEVELS*

<i>Early Childhood</i>	valid for PK to grade 4
<i>Elementary</i>	valid for grades 3-8
<i>Middle Level</i>	valid for grades 5-9
<i>High School Level</i>	valid for grades 9-12

Nearly all candidates complete one of the following three combinations of contiguous authorization levels:

- Early Childhood/Elementary*
- Elementary/Middle Level*
- Middle Level/High School Level*

*certain conditions apply
See the full guide at www.ous.edu/teachedguide.htm for details.

Endorsement Areas

Think about the subject matter (endorsement area) that you want to pursue. Currently, there are thirty-five endorsement areas, such as:

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| Biology | General Special Education |
| Language Arts | Middle School Mathematics |
| Spanish | Music |
| and many others... | |