

Alternative Route 3

Who

Route 3 is designed for individuals with baccalaureate degrees, who are not employed in the district at the time of application. When selecting candidates for certification through route three, districts and approved preparation program providers shall give priority to individuals who are seeking residency teacher certification in subject matter shortage areas or shortages due to geographic locations.

What

Cohorts of candidates for this route shall attend an intensive summer teaching academy, followed by a full year engaged with a school district as a mentored resident intern, followed, if necessary, by a second summer teaching academy.

Entry Requirements

- Degree at entry: A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. The individual's grade point average may be considered as a selection factor.
- Testing required for entry: Successful passage of the statewide basic skills exam and the subject matter assessment required by RCW [28A.410.220](#)
- Other entry requirements:
 - External validation of qualifications, including demonstrated successful experience with students or children, such as reference letters and letters of support from previous employers
 - Meeting the age, good moral character, and personal fitness requirements adopted by rule for teachers

Typical Time to Completion

Usually takes one year, up to two years

