

Alternative Route 4

Who

Route 4 is designed for individuals with baccalaureate degrees, who are employed in the district on conditional or emergency substitute certificate at the time of application.

What

Cohorts of candidates for this route shall attend an intensive summer teaching academy, followed by a full year employed by a district in a mentored internship. If employed on a conditional certificate, the intern may serve as the teacher of record, supported by a well-trained mentor.

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

