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Application Instructions for Additional Endorsement Program/Pathway 2

Overview:

Effective March 31, 2005 the Pathway 2 option for adding an endorsement became available in the State of Washington. Pathway 2 is a shortcut option by which a teacher can add an endorsement that is similar to or related to an endorsement already held. The Pathway 2 process requires a teacher to obtain a passing score on the Praxis 2/WEST-E** exam in the desired endorsement area and to undergo pedagogy assessment. (Pedagogy Assessment takes place within the *Teaching Endorsement Independent Field Experience*, 5 credits. Completion of a portfolio is required). The prerequisites for the Pathway 2 process at SPU are:

1. A valid WA State teaching certificate with a *qualifying* first endorsement
2. A letter of verification of a minimum of 90 days teaching experience post-certification
3. A *Pathway 2 Pedagogy Assessment/Employer Support Verification Form* (Form SPI 4422, enclosed)
4. A Passing Score on the Praxis 2/WEST-E** exam in the desired endorsement area or confirmation of registration for an upcoming Praxis 2/WEST-E** exam date

The complete list of qualifying first endorsements is available on the Professional Education Standards Board's (PESB) website:

http://www.pesb.wa.gov/endorsements/Endorsement_chart.pdf.

Policies:

SPU is only able to process approximately 40 applications per month. We review applications in the order in which they are received. During high volume months, you may need to wait eight to ten weeks for review of your application. Please plan accordingly.

You will not be admitted to SPU through the Admissions Office, but through the School of Education Center for Professional Education. Participants in the endorsement program are considered non-matriculated students by the university and are not eligible for financial aid. The application fee for the Pathway 2 process is \$200 and should be submitted by check *made payable to Seattle Pacific University*, or by filling out credit card information on the application. A finished application will include the following:

1. A completed Pathway 2 application
2. A \$200 application fee
3. A photocopy of a valid WA State teaching certificate
4. A completed Pathway 2 Pedagogy Assessment/Employer Support Verification Form (Form SPI 4422, enclosed)
5. A photocopy of passing Praxis 2/WEST E** exam scores or a photocopy of Praxis 2 registration confirmation for upcoming test date

Please note: Praxis 2/WEST E** scores are also required to be submitted electronically to Seattle Pacific University from Educational Testing Services (ETS). SPU's score recipient number is **R4694** for the Praxis II. The WEST-E number for SPU is **230**. Scores are usually available four to six weeks after the testing date. The Praxis 2/WEST E** exam must be passed and scores must be submitted before the candidate may undergo pedagogy assessment (EDCN 5730, Teaching Endorsement Independent Field Experience).

**The Praxis II is in the process of being phased out by Washington State. Before signing up for a test, please contact us so that we can direct you to the appropriate test.

Completed applications should be sent to:

SPU
Center for Professional Education
3307 Third Avenue West Suite 209
Seattle, WA 98119
Attn: Endorsements

Final Steps:

Once you have concluded the Pathway 2 process and have successfully passed the pedagogy assessment portion of the requirements, please submit to the above address a check for **\$15 made out to Puget Sound ESD** along with the *Institutional Application for an Additional Endorsement* (Form SPI 1535; will be included in the field experience application). These items can be received at any time, but must be received before SPU can recommend a new endorsement on your teaching certificate.

If a Pathway 2 candidate is unsuccessful in the pedagogy assessment portion of the process, PESB recommends that the University then work with the candidate on a teacher development plan. At SPU, this will *likely* require that the candidate go through the Pathway 3 process in order to obtain the desired endorsement—our WA State approved complete college/university program.

For additional information, please call 206-281-2274 or email endorse@spu.edu.