Professional Transitions to the Public Schools

Courses on this listing are approved by the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) for the following roles.

- **Educational Interpreter**
- **School Behavior Analyst**
- **School Nurse**
- **School Occupational Therapist**
- **School Orientation and Mobility Specialist**
- **School Physical Therapist**
- **School Social Worker**
- **School Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist**

These approved courses satisfy the fifteen clock hours or one semester hour of coursework required for Initial Educational Interpreter and Initial Educational Staff Associate (ESA) certification purposes. The approved courses prepare the candidate to meet the professional development outcomes outlined in WAC 181-79A-224.

Applicants who meet all requirements other than the Professional Transitions to the Public Schools course may be issued a temporary permit valid for up to one calendar year. The permit allows the holder to serve in the role within the P–12 public schools of Washington state. Additional information and approval dates of courses are available on the PESB website under "Professional transitions to public schools."

Please Note:

- ESD or university courses must have been approved by the PESB at the time of course completion.
- Documentation of course completion (PDF only) can be uploaded during the application process or email a PDF copy to cert@k12.wa.us after submitting your certificate application.

Educational Service District (ESD) Courses

Attention: Register early, as courses often fill up quickly. Attendees must register prior to the day of the course. Below is course information available to our office at the time of publication. Please contact the course provider or pdEnroller for the most up-to-date information. Additional course options through Washington universities are listed on the second page.

Puget Sound ESD 121-Renton, WA

Dates (3-Day Online Course)	Registration Information	Contact and Resources
Fall 2026: October 16, 23, 30	pdEnroller Registration-Event 205282 Registration Ended Oct 5	**Jesse Blaire** jblaire@psesd.org PSESD pdEnroller Catalog
Winter 2027: January 8, 15, 22	*pdEnroller Registration-Event 205275* Registration Ends Dec 28	
Spring 2027: May 7, 14, 21	pdEnroller Registration-Event 205283 Registration Ends Apr 26	

Northeast Washington ESD 101-Spokane, WA

Dates (6-Week Online Course)	Registration Information	Contact and Resources
Fall 2026: October 12–November 21	pdEnroller Registration-Event 207603 Registration Ended October 7	**Nora Vralsted-Thomas** nvralsted-thomas@esd101.net PSESD pdEnroller Catalog
Winter 2027: January 11–February 20	pdEnroller Registration-Event 207635 Registration Ends Dec 28	
Spring 2027: April 12–May 22	pdEnroller Registration-Event 207636 Registration Ends Mar 27	
Summer 2027: June 28–August 7	pdEnroller Registration-Event 207637 Registration Ends Jun 14	

University Courses

School Nurse Role

Institution	Course(s)	Contact
Pacific Lutheran University Center for Continued Nursing Learning	**Introduction to School Nursing**	**Ellen Wong** ccnl@plu.edu 1-253-535-7027
University of Washington School of Nursing	**Foundations for School Nursing** (non-academic credit)	**UW-Staff** schoolnursing@uw.edu
Washington State University School of Nursing	**School Nursing: Preparation for the Initial Certification**	**Aimee Nechanicky** nursing.profdev@wsu.edu 1-509-324-7249

Various ESA Roles

Attention: Some courses are only available to program-enrolled students; contact the institution for availability.

School Behavior Analyst	
University of Washington *Approved May 2021*	**EDSPE 554:** Behavior Analysts in Schools
School Occupational Therapist	
Eastern Washington University *Approved September 2022; Both courses are required*	**OCTH 541:** Technology for Enabling Occupations ***and*** **OCTH 532 or 537:** Occupational Performance in Children and Adolescents *(could be OCTH541S, 532S, or 537S)*
University of Washington *Both courses are required*	**Rehab 576:** Occupational Therapy Theory and Practice in Pediatrics ***and*** **Rehab 582:** Assistive Technology in Rehabilitation
School Physical Therapist	
University of Washington *Approved Fall 2011;* *Both courses are required*	**Rehab 502:** Lifespan III, Pediatrics ***and*** **Rehab 517:** Prof Seminar Series
School Social Worker	
Eastern Washington University	**SOWK 559:** School Social Work and School Law
Heritage University *Approved November 2024*	**SOWK 587:** Social Work in Schools
Pacific Lutheran University *Approved May 2025;* *All 4 Courses listed are required*	**EDUC 967P:** Foundations of Public Education ***and*** **EDUC 967Q:** Child Abuse, Neglect & Reporting ***and*** **EDUC 967R:** School Social Work ***and*** **EDUC 967S:** SSW as Members Multidisciplinary Teams
University of Washington-Tacoma	**TSOCW 542:** Social Work in Schools
University of Washington-Seattle	**SOCW 588:** Social Work in Schools
UW Smart Center *Approved May 2024*	**Initial ESA Certification Course**
Walla Walla University *Approved May 2025*	**SOWK 555:** School Social Work
School Speech Language or Pathologist or Audiologist	
Eastern Washington University *Updated September 2024*	**CMSD 550S:** SLP and Audiology in the Schools
University of Washington	**SPHSC 550:** Public School SLP and Audiology
Washington State University	**SHS 471:** SLP and Audiology in Schools ***or*** **SHS 552:** SLP and Audiology in Schools
Western Washington University *Updated September 2025*	**SLHS 580:** Speech-Language Pathology in Schools ***or*** **CSD 590:** Educational Audiology

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