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Nebraska Wesleyan University
Traditional Program
2011-12

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Institution Information

Name of Institution: Nebraska Wesleyan University
Institution/Program Type: Traditional
Academic Year: 2011-12
State: Nebraska

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Is your institution a member of an HEA Title II Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education?

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oi/tqp/index.html>

No

If yes, provide the following:

Award year:

Grantee name:

Project name:

Grant number:

List partner districts/LEAs:

List other partners:

Project Type:

Section I.a Program Information

List each teacher preparation program included in your traditional route. Indicate if your program or programs participate in a Teacher Quality Partnership Grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education as described at

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/tqp/index.html>.

Teacher Preparation Programs	Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Member?
Art	No
Basic Business	No
Biology	No
Business, Marketing & Information Technology	No
Chemistry	No
Coaching	No
Elementary Education	No
English	No
English as Second Language	No
General Art	No
Health and Physical Education	No
History	No
Language Arts	No
Mathematics	No
Middle Grades	No
Music/Vocal/ Instrumental	No
Natural Science	No
Physical Education	No
Physical Science	No
Physics	No
Psychology	No
Social Science	No
Special Education: Mild & Moderate	No
Speech	No
Theatre	No
World Language	No
Total number of teacher preparation programs: 26	

Section I.b Admissions

Indicate when students are formally admitted into your initial teacher certification

program :

Sophomore year After meeting all criteria

Does your initial teacher certification program conditionally admit students?

No

Provide a link to your website where additional information about admissions requirements can be found:

www.nebrwesleyan.edu/academics/academic-departments/education-department

Please provide any additional about or exceptions to the admissions information provided above:

Nebraska Department of Education rules allow a student who misses one section of the PPST by one point and has a cumulative total of 513 or above to be accepted into the Teacher Education Program .

A waiver provision is stated in the Department's Policies and Procedures document: "[Admittance into 200-level classes} may occasionally be waived for one semester only if the student petitions the Executive Committee of the Department and the majority of members approve the petition."

Section I.b Undergraduate Requirements**Please provide the following information about your teacher preparation program's entry and exit requirements. (§205(a)(1)(C)(i))****Are there initial teacher certification programs at the undergraduate level?**

Yes

If yes, for each element listed below, indicate if it is required for admission into or exit from any of your teacher preparation program(s) at the Undergraduate level.

Element	Required for Entry	Required for Exit
Transcript	Yes	Yes
Fingerprint check	No	No
Background check	Yes	No
Minimum number of courses/credits/semester hours completed	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA in content area coursework	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA in professional education coursework	Yes	Yes
Minimum ACT score	No	No
Minimum SAT score	No	No
Minimum basic skills test score	Yes	No
Subject area/academic content test or other subject matter verification	No	No
Recommendation(s)	Yes	No
Essay or personal statement	Yes	Yes
Interview	Yes	Yes

Other Culture Fair Instrument	Yes	No
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What is the minimum GPA required for admission into the program?

2.5

What was the median GPA of individuals accepted into the program in academic year 2011-12

3.48

What is the minimum GPA required for completing the program?

2.75

What was the median GPA of individuals completing the program in academic year 2011-12

3.45

Section I.b Postgraduate Requirements

Please provide the following information about your teacher preparation program's entry and exit requirements. ([§205\(a\)\(1\)\(C\)\(i\)](#))

Are there initial teacher certification programs at the postgraduate level?

No

If yes, for each element listed below, indicate if it is required for admission into or exit from any of your teacher preparation program(s) at the Postgraduate level.

Element	Required for Entry	Required for Exit
Transcript		
Fingerprint check		
Background check		
Minimum number of courses/credits/semester hours completed		
Minimum GPA		
Minimum GPA in content area coursework		
Minimum GPA in professional education coursework		
Minimum ACT score		
Minimum SAT score		
Minimum basic skills test score		
Subject area/academic content test or other subject matter verification		
Recommendation(s)		
Essay or personal statement		
Interview		
Other		

What is the minimum GPA required for admission into the program?

What was the median GPA of individuals accepted into the program in academic year 2011-12

What is the minimum GPA required for completing the program?

What was the median GPA of individuals completing the program in academic year 2011-12

Section I.c Program Enrollment

Provide the number of students in the teacher preparation program in the following categories. Note that you must report on the number of students by ethnicity and race separately. Individuals who are non-Hispanic/Latino will be reported in one of the race categories. Also note that individuals can belong to one or more racial groups, so the sum of the members of each racial category may not necessarily add up to the total number of students enrolled.

Total number of students enrolled in 2011-12:	85
Unduplicated number of males enrolled in 2011-12:	27
Unduplicated number of females enrolled in 2011-12:	58

2011-12	Number enrolled
<i>Ethnicity</i>	
Hispanic/Latino of any race:	1
<i>Race</i>	
American Indian or Alaska Native:	1
Asian:	1
Black or African American:	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:	0
White:	80
Two or more races:	1

Section I.d Supervised Experience

Provide the following information about supervised clinical experience in 2011-12.

Average number of clock hours of supervised clinical experience required prior to student teaching	100
Average number of clock hours required for student teaching	560
Average number of clock hours required for mentoring/induction support	6
Number of full-time equivalent faculty supervising clinical experience during this academic year	3
Number of adjunct faculty supervising clinical experience during this academic year (IHE and PreK-12 staff)	3
Number of students in supervised clinical experience during this academic year	59

Please provide any additional information about or descriptions of the supervised clinical experiences:

Section I.e Teachers Prepared by Subject Area

Please provide the number of teachers prepared by subject area for academic year 2011-12. For the purposes of this section, number prepared means the number of program completers. "Subject area" refers to the subject area(s) an individual has been prepared to teach. An individual can be counted in more than one subject area. If no individuals were prepared in a particular subject area, please leave that cell blank. (§205(b)(1)(H))

Subject Area	Number Prepared
Education - General	54
Teacher Education - Special Education	10
Teacher Education - Early Childhood Education	
Teacher Education - Elementary Education	24
Teacher Education - Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education	
Teacher Education - Secondary Education	16
Teacher Education - Multiple Levels	9
Teacher Education - Agriculture	
Teacher Education - Art	1
Teacher Education - Business	1
Teacher Education - English/Language Arts	1
Teacher Education - Foreign Language	2
Teacher Education - Health	
Teacher Education - Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics	
Teacher Education - Technology Teacher Education/Industrial Arts	
Teacher Education - Mathematics	5
Teacher Education - Music	8
Teacher Education - Physical Education and Coaching	9
Teacher Education - Reading	
Teacher Education - Science Teacher Education/General Science	
Teacher Education - Social Science	3
Teacher Education - Social Studies	
Teacher Education - Technical Education	
Teacher Education - Computer Science	
Teacher Education - Biology	
Teacher Education - Chemistry	1
Teacher Education - Drama and Dance	
Teacher Education - French	

Teacher Education - German	
Teacher Education - History	2
Teacher Education - Physics	
Teacher Education - Spanish	2
Teacher Education - Speech	
Teacher Education - Geography	
Teacher Education - Latin	
Teacher Education - Psychology	
Teacher Education - Earth Science	
Teacher Education - English as a Second Language	
Teacher Education - Bilingual, Multilingual, and Multicultural Education	
Education - Other Specify :	

Section I.e Teachers Prepared by Academic Major

Please provide the number of teachers prepared by academic major for academic year 2011-12. For the purposes of this section, number prepared means the number of program completers. "Academic major" refers to the actual major(s) declared by the program completer. An individual can be counted in more than one academic major. If no individuals were prepared in a particular academic major, please leave that cell blank. (§205(b)(1)(H))

Academic Major	Number Prepared
Education - General	
Teacher Education - Special Education	10
Teacher Education - Early Childhood Education	
Teacher Education - Elementary Education	24
Teacher Education - Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education	
Teacher Education - Secondary Education	
Teacher Education - Agriculture	
Teacher Education - Art	
Teacher Education - Business	
Teacher Education - English/Language Arts	
Teacher Education - Foreign Language	
Teacher Education - Health	
Teacher Education - Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics	
Teacher Education - Technology Teacher Education/Industrial Arts	
Teacher Education - Mathematics	
Teacher Education - Music	
Teacher Education - Physical Education and Coaching	9

Teacher Education - Reading	
Teacher Education - Science	
Teacher Education - Social Science	3
Teacher Education - Social Studies	
Teacher Education - Technical Education	
Teacher Education - Computer Science	
Teacher Education - Biology	
Teacher Education - Chemistry	
Teacher Education - Drama and Dance	
Teacher Education - French	
Teacher Education - German	
Teacher Education - History	
Teacher Education - Physics	
Teacher Education - Spanish	
Teacher Education - Speech	
Teacher Education - Geography	
Teacher Education - Latin	
Teacher Education - Psychology	
Teacher Education - Earth Science	
Teacher Education - English as a Second Language	
Teacher Education - Bilingual, Multilingual, and Multicultural Education	
Education - Curriculum and Instruction	
Education - Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education	
Liberal Arts/Humanities	
Psychology	
Social Sciences	
Anthropology	
Economics	
Geography and Cartography	
Political Science and Government	
Sociology	
Visual and Performing Arts	
History	2
Foreign Languages	2
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	
English Language/Literature	1

Philosophy and Religious Studies	
Agriculture	
Communication or Journalism	
Engineering	
Biology	
Mathematics and Statistics	5
Physical Sciences	
Astronomy and Astrophysics	
Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology	
Chemistry	1
Geological and Earth Sciences/Geosciences	
Physics	
Business/Business Administration/Accounting	1
Computer and Information Sciences	
Other Specify: Art (1) Music (8)	9

Section I.f Program Completers

Provide the total number of teacher preparation program completers in each of the following academic years:

2011-12: 54

2010-11: 51

2009-10: 36

Section II. Annual Goals - Mathematics

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. ([§205\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(ii\)](#), [§206\(a\)](#))

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in mathematics in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2011-12

Did your program prepare teachers in mathematics in 2011-12?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in mathematics in 2011-12?

3

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in mathematics in 2011-12?

Yes

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

The Education Department is working more closely with the Mathematics Department to find ways to encourage students to consider teaching as a career option.

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Five candidates completed the program this reporting year.

Academic year 2012-13

Is your program preparing teachers in mathematics in 2012-13?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in mathematics in 2012-13?

3

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2013-14

Will your program prepare teachers in mathematics in 2013-14?

Yes

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in mathematics in 2013-14?

3

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Section II. Annual Goals - Science

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. ([§205\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(ii\)](#), [§206\(a\)](#))

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in science in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2011-12

Did your program prepare teachers in science in 2011-12?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in science in 2011-12?

2

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in science in 2011-12?

No

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

In order to increase student awareness of science as a field of study, Nebraska Wesleyan University established an annual scholarship symposium that is held each spring. This event brings undergraduates in contact with seniors majoring in the sciences. The intent is to stimulate interest in majoring in the sciences.

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

The Department of Education is going to increase its collaboration with the faculty in the Natural Science Division to recruit more students into science education.

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

One candidate graduated with a Chemistry endorsement this reporting year.

Academic year 2012-13

Is your program preparing teachers in science in 2012-13?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in science in 2012-13?

2

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2013-14

Will your program prepare teachers in science in 2013-14?

Yes

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in science in 2013-14?

2

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Section II. Annual Goals - Special Education

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. ([§205\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(ii\)](#), [§206\(a\)](#))

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in special education in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2011-12

Did your program prepare teachers in special education in 2011-12?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in special education in 2011-12?

10

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in special education in 2011-12?

Yes

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

Ten candidates completed the program. The Special Education program is growing. After Elementary Education, it is one of the largest programs in education. Growth is attributed to the close integration of course offerings with Elementary Education and the extensive one-on-one faculty-student collaboration in the program.

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

The continued integration of Special Education and Elementary Education curricula and the one-on-one faculty-student collaboration are considered the key strategies to continue implementing.

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Ten candidates completed the program this reporting year.

Academic year 2012-13

Is your program preparing teachers in special education in 2012-13?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in special education in 2012-13?

10

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2013-14

Will your program prepare teachers in special education in 2013-14?

Yes

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in special education in 2013-14?

10

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Section II. Annual Goals - LEP

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route to state credential program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. ([§205\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(ii\)](#), [§206\(a\)](#))

Information about teacher shortage areas can be found at

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>.

Please provide the information below about your program's goals to increase the number of prospective teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in each of three academic years.

Academic year 2011-12

Did your program prepare teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2011-12?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2011-12?

2

Did your program meet the goal for prospective teachers set in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2011-12?

No

Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

The program is relatively new (approved in 2010) and creation of interest is the key strategy at this point.

Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

Increasing the class sizes and creating more opportunities to take the classes is of greatest importance at this point. In other words, the program needs to be more conveniently presented for students to complete it.

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2012-13

Is your program preparing teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2012-13?

Yes

How many prospective teachers did your program plan to add in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2012-13?

2

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Academic year 2013-14

Will your program prepare teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2013-14?

Yes

How many prospective teachers does your program plan to add in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2013-14?

2

Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Section II. Assurances

Please certify that your institution is in compliance with the following assurances. (§205(a)(1)(A)(iii), §206(b)) Note: Be prepared to provide documentation and evidence for your responses, when requested, to support the following assurances.

Preparation responds to the identified needs of the local educational agencies or States where the program completers are likely to teach, based on past hiring and recruitment trends.

Yes

Preparation is closely linked with the needs of schools and the instructional decisions new teachers face in the classroom.

Yes

Prospective special education teachers are prepared in core academic subjects and to instruct in core academic subjects.

Yes

Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to students with disabilities.

Yes

Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to limited English proficient students.

Yes

Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to students from low-income families.

Yes

Prospective teachers are prepared to effectively teach in urban and rural schools, as applicable.

Yes

Describe your institution's most successful strategies in meeting the assurances listed above:

Matching course syllabi, instruction and assessment to State Standards. Have revised field experiences to incorporate more time spent in schools working with diverse and high poverty children. Have added opportunities in both after school and community programs for working with students from diverse backgrounds.

Section III. Assessment Rates

Assessment code - Assessment name Test Company Group	Number taking tests	Avg. scaled score	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All enrolled students who have completed all nonclinical courses	19	181	19	100
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	48	181	48	100
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	54	181	54	100
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2010-11	52	181	52	100
ETS0730 -PRAXIS I MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2009-10	35	182	35	100
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All enrolled students who have completed all nonclinical courses	19	178	19	100
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	48	180	47	98
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	55	179	55	100
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2010-11	52	178	52	100
ETS0710 -PRAXIS I READING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2009-10	35	179	35	100
ETS0720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All enrolled students who have completed all nonclinical courses	19	177	19	100
ETS0720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	48	177	48	100
ETS0720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2011-12	54	176	54	100
ETS0720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2010-11	52	177	50	96

ETSo720 -PRAXIS I WRITING Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2009-10	35	177	35	100
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Section III. Summary Rates

Group	Number taking tests	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
All program completers, 2011-12	55	55	100
All program completers, 2010-11	52	50	96
All program completers, 2009-10	35	35	100

Section IV. Low-Performing

Provide the following information about the approval or accreditation of your teacher preparation program.

Is your teacher preparation program currently approved or accredited?

Yes

If yes, please specify the organization(s) that approved or accredited your program:

NCATE

Other (specify: Nebraska Dept. of Education)

Is your teacher preparation program currently under a designation as "low-performing" by the state (as per section 207(a) of the HEA of 2008)?

No

Section V. Technology

Provide the following information about the use of technology in your teacher preparation program. Please note that choosing 'yes' indicates that your teacher preparation program would be able to provide evidence upon request.

Does your program prepare teachers to:

- **integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction**

Yes

- **use technology effectively to collect data to improve teaching and learning**

Yes

- **use technology effectively to manage data to improve teaching and learning**

Yes

- **use technology effectively to analyze data to improve teaching and learning**

Yes

Provide a description of the evidence that your program uses to show that it prepares teachers to integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction, and to use technology effectively to collect, manage, and analyze data in order to improve teaching and learning for the purpose of increasing student academic achievement. Include a description

of the evidence your program uses to show that it prepares teachers to use the principles of universal design for learning, as applicable. Include planning activities and a timeline if any of the four elements listed above are not currently in place.

Knowledge and use of technology is well integrated into the Nebraska Wesleyan University education curriculum. Students are required to take Education 187, Instructional Technology where they learn how to use data bases, wireless telecommunication, augmentative communication software and literacy and mathematical support software. Students learn to collect, manage and assess data in their methods courses, using a variety of assessment tools. In several courses in the Education Department curriculum, students are required to submit materials using LiveText, a document and data management system. The three principles of Universal Design for Learning - multiple means of representation, action/expression and engagement – are woven throughout several courses, particularly in special education. In both Sped. 107 (Understanding Human Differences) and Sped. 207 (Methods for Teaching Adolescents with Disabilities) students are taught these main principles and participate in online learning modules through CAST. Additionally, they evaluate lesson plans to examine how the principles are applied at their grade level or in their content area. During special education student teaching, Wesleyan students are required to attend one of each: SAT, MDT and IEP meetings. They are also required to show competency in writing an IEP during student teaching. Nebraska Wesleyan students learn to use the SRS system during Sped. 257 (Legal Issues in Special Education) and use the SRS system to write an IEP during student teaching.

Section VI. Teacher Training

Provide the following information about your teacher preparation program. Please note that choosing 'yes' indicates that your teacher preparation program would be able to provide evidence upon request.

Does your program prepare general education teachers to:

- **teach students with disabilities effectively**
Yes
- **participate as a member of individualized education program teams**
Yes
- **teach students who are limited English proficient effectively**
Yes

Provide a description of the evidence your program uses to show that it prepares general education teachers to teach students with disabilities effectively, including training related to participation as a member of individualized education program teams, as defined in section 614(d)(1)(B) of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, and to effectively teach students who are limited English proficient. Include planning activities and a timeline if any of the three elements listed above are not currently in place.

Students at Nebraska Wesleyan University have many opportunities to show competence in their abilities to work with diverse populations, including students with exceptionalities. When students take literacy methods courses, for example, they also take the literacy adoption course. A similar procedure is utilized in connection with the math methods course. In these methods courses, students receive instruction on research-based methods of pedagogy that work for all students but that are particularly effective for students with exceptionalities. Sped. 107 (Understanding Human Differences) is an introductory course that teaches students how to awareness of individual education plans. In some of the special education courses there are conversations about strategies that work for students who have limited English skills and students with language processing issues, as some of these strategies overlap.

Our students participate in field experiences and practica in inclusive classrooms. All education students take Ed. 185 (Education in a Pluralistic Society), a course that addresses diversity in the classroom and community and that examines equity issues faced by people with exceptionalities. In relation to special education and the law, Nebraska Wesleyan University students learn basic information in Ed. 1 (Introduction to Education in the United States) and learn to implement instruction and meet students' needs in the methods courses.

Does your program prepare special education teachers to:

- **teach students with disabilities effectively**
Yes
- **participate as a member of individualized education program teams**
Yes
- **teach students who are limited English proficient effectively**
Yes

Provide a description of the evidence your program uses to show that it prepares special education teachers to teach students with disabilities effectively, including training related to participation as a member of individualized education program teams, as defined in section 614(d)(1)(B) of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, and to effectively teach students who are limited English proficient. Include planning activities and a timeline if any of the three elements listed above are not currently in place.

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Section VII. Contextual Information

Please use this space to provide any additional information that describes your teacher preparation program(s). You may also attach information to this report card. The U.S. Department of Education is especially interested in any evaluation plans or interim or final reports that may be available.

Students interested in teaching careers enroll in Ed. 1 (Introduction to Education in the United States) so that they have a better basis for making the decision to teach. As they enroll in Ed. 1 they also enroll in Ed. 75 (Field Experience) so that their decision to continue with education or not is also based on some experience with working with young people. In order to be accepted into the Teacher Education

Program, students must earn at least a 2.5 GPA, pass the PPST according to state standards and pass the mental abilities assessment, speech clearance and moral turpitude standards described by the Nebraska State Board of Education. To achieve student teacher status, students must earn a 2.75 GPA in their major, along with a 2.60 GPA overall. Students must also have completed at least 75% of the coursework in their major and provide documentation of at least 100 hours of working with young people in various school settings.

Supporting Files

[Standard 3.1 2-27-13 7 am.docx](#)

[Standard 3.2 2-27-13 6 pm.docx](#)

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