

# Professional Transitions to the Public Schools: Initial ESA Certification

*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 roles only*

Courses on this listing are approved by the Professional Educator Standards Board for the roles indicated above. These approved courses satisfy the fifteen clock hours/one semester hour of course work required by WAC 181-79A-224 for initial educational staff associate (ESA) certification purposes.

These approved courses prepare the candidate to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of school and special education laws and policies (national, state, and local) and their application to decision-making processes in the educational settings.
- Understand and demonstrate knowledge of working within the culture of the schools, creating an environment that fosters safety, health, and learning for the students.
- Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate resources in the school setting.
- Demonstrate knowledge of collaboration with team members which may include parents, teachers, administrators, and other to support learning outcomes for all students.
- Demonstrate knowledge of how to support the outcomes for all students through strategies such as scientific-based practices, collaborative teaming, and ethical decision making.
- Use professional standards to inform professional growth planning.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the use of human, community, and technological resources.

Applicants who meet all requirements other than the ESA course may be issued a temporary permit valid for up to one calendar year. The permit allows the ESA 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 Professional Educator Standards Board website at [www.pesb.wa.gov/preparation-programs/approval/course-approval/](http://www.pesb.wa.gov/preparation-programs/approval/course-approval/)

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT (ESD) COURSES

ESD:	DATES:	CONTACT INFORMATION:
<b>NorthEast Washington ESD 101 Spokane, WA</b>	<b>6-Week Online Course:</b> <b>Winter 2023: January 9 - February 17</b> Registration closes Dec. 28, 2022 at midnight Registration Link: <a href="https://www.pdenroller.org/newesd101/catalog/151092">https://www.pdenroller.org/newesd101/catalog/151092</a> Additional dates to be announced.	<b>Maggie Cox</b> <a href="mailto:mcox@esd101.net">mcox@esd101.net</a>
<b>Puget Sound ESD 121 Renton, WA</b>	<b>3-Day Online (Zoom) Courses:</b> <b>Winter 2023: January 27 + February 3, 10</b> <a href="#">Registration</a> opens Nov. 7, 2022, closes Jan. 13, 2023 <b>Spring 2023: June 2, 9, 16</b> <a href="#">Registration</a> opens Feb. 20, 2023, closes May 19, 2023	Please visit <a href="http://www.psesd.org/specialservices">www.psesd.org/specialservices</a> click the ESA tab for information and registration links. Questions: <b>David McNair</b> <a href="mailto:dmcnair@psed.com">dmcnair@psed.com</a>

**!! Attention !!** Register early, as courses often fill up quickly. Attendees must register prior to the day of the course. Additional course options through Washington universities listed on second page.



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## UNIVERSITY COURSES

### SCHOOL NURSE ROLE:

INSTITUTION:	COURSE(S):	CONTACT INFORMATION:
Pacific Lutheran University Center for Continued Nursing Learning	<b>Introduction to School Nursing</b> (no course number; formerly 901D)	Debra Seguin <a href="mailto:ccnl@plu.edu">ccnl@plu.edu</a> 253-535-7046
University of Washington School of Nursing, Continuing Nursing Education	<b>NURS 505</b> (for credit) <b>Foundations for School Nursing</b> (non-credit)	Mayumi A. Willgerodt <a href="mailto:mayumiw@uw.edu">mayumiw@uw.edu</a> 206-543-8237
Washington State University School of Nursing	<b>School Nursing: Preparation for the Initial Certification</b> (no course number; formerly Nursing 598)	Sarah Wilson <a href="mailto:nursing.profdev@wsu.edu">nursing.profdev@wsu.edu</a> 509-324-7311

### VARIOUS ESA ROLES:

ESA ROLE:	COURSE(S):	INSTITUTION:
School Behavior Analyst	<b>EDSPE 554:</b> Behavior Analysts in Schools	University of Washington
School Occupational Therapist	<b>OTH 532/537:</b> Occupational Performance in Children and Adolescents <b>OCTH 541:</b> Technology for Enabling Occupations	Eastern Washington University
	<b>Rehab 576:</b> Occupational Therapy Theory and Practice in Pediatrics <b>and Rehab 582:</b> Assistive Technology in Rehabilitation (Both are required)	University of Washington
School Physical Therapist	<b>Rehab 502:</b> Lifespan III, Pediatrics <b>and Rehab 517:</b> Professional Seminar Series (both are required)	University of Washington
School Social Worker	<b>SOWK 559:</b> School Social Work and School Law	Eastern Washington University
	<b>SOCW 588:</b> Social Work in Schools	University of Washington-Seattle
	<b>TSOCW 536C</b> <b>TSOCW 542:</b> Social Work in Schools	University of Washington-Tacoma
	<b>SOWK 555:</b> School Social Work	Walla Walla University
School Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) or Audiologist	<b>COMD 405:</b> SLP and Audiology in the Schools <b>COMD 539:</b> SLP or Audiology in Schools <b>CMSD 550S:</b> SLP and Audiology in the Schools <b>COMD 599:</b> Independent Study	Eastern Washington University
	<b>SPHSC 550:</b> Public School SLP and Audiology	University of Washington
	<b>SHS 471</b> <b>SHS 550</b> <b>SHS 590</b>	Washington State University
	<b>CSD 580 plus CSD 553 or CSD 555</b> <b>CSD 590:</b> Educational Audiology	Western Washington University

Please note: some courses are only available to program-enrolled students. Please inquire with the university for availability.

If you completed an approved university course, submit your official transcript for review.

If you completed an approved ESD course, submit a copy of your certificate of attendance/completion.

Transcripts and certificates of attendance/completion (PDF only) can be uploaded during the application process, or uploaded to your account with an existing deficiency, or you may e-mail a PDF copy to [cert@k12.wa.us](mailto:cert@k12.wa.us) after submitting your application.