



Admission resources

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION

The information below is to help you prepare your application to the graduate and certification programs in education. You are also welcome to call (360-412-6142) or email (gradstudies@stmartin.edu) our office with any questions you have about the admission process.

The WEST-B (Required for MIT)

The WEST-B is the Washington Educators Skills Test. The test “is designed to measure basic skills in reading, mathematics, and writing that are required for teachers to be successful in their educator preparation programs.”

This is a skills based test - it is designed to measure your knowledge of specific subjects.

WEST website www.west.nesinc.com

Here you can:

- See test dates (unlike the GRE, the WEST B only offers testing on certain dates)
- Register for the test
- See example questions & test taking strategies
- Find information about preparing for the test

Test prep tips for the WEST-B

We recommend that you:

- Explore the WEST-B website for sample questions and test strategies
- Purchase a study guide with test practice software

The GRE (either GRE or MAT is required for MIT and MED)

The GRE is the Graduate Record Examination. It can be thought of as the SAT for graduate school. It consists of verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and analytical writing sections.

This is an aptitude test. It is designed to measure your aptitude to be successful in graduate school.

GRE website www.ets.org/gre/

Here you can:

- Register for the test (the test is offered at testing centers throughout Washington, and is available on-demand - i.e. you can take the test on any day that there is a testing space available at a testing center)
- Download free GRE prep software
- Take a practice GRE test

Test prep tips for the GRE

- Choose a test date that will both allow you enough time to study, and for the test results to arrive by the due date
- Take the practice test on the GRE website to identify the areas you need to study
- Go to an online bookseller, and look at the reviews, choose a book with good reviews for the areas you need to work on
- Check out the study tutorials on YouTube. There are many very good resources online.

The MAT (either GRE or MAT is required for MIT and MED)

The MAT is the Miller Analogies Test. It is an aptitude test, and “measures your ability to recognize relationships between ideas, your fluency in the English language, and your general knowledge of the humanities, natural sciences, mathematics and social sciences.”

MAT website www.milleranalogies.com

Here you can:

- See a list of testing centers
- See example questions & test taking strategies
- Take a practice test (there is a fee)
- Download a free study guide

Test prep tips for the MAT

Choose a test date that will both allow you enough time to study, and for the test results to arrive by the due date.

- Take the practice test on the MAT website to identify the areas you need to study
- Purchase an additional study guide and / or study software to assist you to prepare for the test these include:

Miller Analogies Test (MAT) with TestWare
6th ed. ISBN-13: 9780738608754

Kaplan MAT ISBN-13: 9781607146841

McGraw-Hill's MAT Miller Analogies Test
ISBN-13: 9780071702317

Fingerprinting

You need to have your fingerprints taken at an Educational Service District (ESD) office. This way your fingerprints, clearance through the OSPI, and registration in the OSPI database will all happen at the same place.

If you currently work for a school district and think you may already have your fingerprints on file with OSPI that are less than 2 years old, let us know, we are happy to check the database for you.

What to expect:

- When you go to the ESD, they will take your fingerprints (District 113 does walk-ins, 121 requires appointments)
- The cost is \$68.50 per set of this printing. Please note that they only accept cash or credit/debit (MC or Visa) (checks are NOT accepted).
- The ESD will process your fingerprints and post your results in the OSPI database, which we have access to, and routinely check. This process usually takes about 2 weeks (but can take longer if there is some type of technical or other issue with your prints)

Educational Service District 113
TUMWATER
6005 Tyee Drive SW
Tumwater, WA 98512
(360) 464-6709
www.esd113.org

Hours: 8:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Friday
Fingerprinting is done on a walk-in basis
Cash or credit/debit card (MC/Visa) only

Educational Service District 121
RENTON
800 Oakesdale Ave SW
Renton, WA 98055
(425) 917-7600
<http://psed.org>

Fingerprinting is done by appointment only
Cash or credit/debit card (MC/Visa) only

For a full list of ESDs in Washington, visit: www.k12.wa.us/maps/esdmap.aspx

CPR / First Aid Classes

We require that you provide proof of CPR/First Aid certification or registration for a class before you enroll. This is because many of your classes involve a practicum component where you will be visiting schools.

Locations that offer CPR/First Aid classes:

American Heart Association

Visit: www.heart.org - go to the CPR & ECC tab at the top of the site, then "find a course", then "classroom skills sessions, then use the search function for "Adult and Child CPR First Aid".

AHA national service center:
1 (877) AHA-4CPR

Thurston county CPR class

(this is CPR only)

Call for information about Adult and Child CPR.

Thurston county resources for First Aid and CPR:

<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/medicl/documents/2012-tc-community-resources-20120622.pdf>

Area Fire and Rescue departments:

Call for information about Adult and Child CPR/First Aid courses:

Dupont Fire Dept:
(253) 964-8414

Tacoma Fire Dept:
(253) 594-7979

Cascade Health Care Services, Tacoma:
(206) 213-3116

McLane-Black Lake Fire Dept, Olympia:
(360) 866-1000

South Hill Fire Station, Puyallup:
(253) 538-6402

West Pierce Fire and Rescue, Lakewood and University Place: (253) 564-1623

East Pierce Fire and Rescue, Bonney Lake:
(253) 863-1800



Saint Martin's
UNIVERSITY

Questions?

Graduate Studies
5000 Abbey Way SE
Lacey, WA 98503
360-412-6142
gradstudies@stmartin.edu

Think with heart.

www.stmartin.edu

