

Education Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are their pre-requisite courses that need to be taken in 9th grade to be eligible for the education academy?

Yes. Students should take Principles of Education and Training and either Child Development or Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness as the pre-requisite classes need for 10th grade. This requirement will be waived for students entering the Education Academy Cohort during the 16-17 school year.

2. What if a student already has their professional communications credit?

That is not a problem. Students who already have their professional communications credit will earn college speech credit and public speaking credit for high school. Students who do not already have their credit will earn professional communications credit.

3. What is the difference between ESL/Bilingual?

ESL (English as a Second Language) is a certification that prepared educators with additional training and strategies to assist students for which English is not their primary language. Bilingual involves instruction in another language. Teachers provide instruction in more than one language. An example would be students are taught in Spanish and English.

4. What is the AP score if you are trying to obtain credit for the language component?

Based on information on the Texas Wesleyan website the amount of credit depends on the score of the test. A 3 on the test yields 6 hours of college credit, a 4 yields 9 hours of college credit and a 5 yields 12 hours of college credit.

5. What is the benefit of having the ESL certification?

Teachers with ESL certifications are highly sought after, therefore it increases your marketability for employment.

6. How long are the summer sessions?

Summer sessions are typically 4-5 weeks long. Session I typically begins right after school starts and ends before July 4th. Session II typically begins after July 4th and ends the first week in August. Dates for each session are usually determined in the spring semester each year.

7. Are all Texas Wesleyan courses at Ben Barber?

Yes, with the exception of the PE course. That will be held at an alternative location since there is not a gym at Ben Barber. Students will be notified of the location prior to the 1st day of class.

8. Are all courses face to face sessions?

Most if not all classes will be face to face sessions as that is our preferred method of instruction. There are times when due to staffing shortages the class may be delivered in an online setting. The Fine Arts for Teachers course for Texas Wesleyan is only available in an online format.

9. Is transportation provided to Ben Barber?

Yes, the schedule was created in such a way that students will be able to utilize the Ben Barber busses that are already in service. Courses will align with the Ben Barber schedule.

10. Will Ready Set Teach be a part of the program?

Yes, the educational courses referenced in the power point are part of a program that is commonly referred to as Ready Set Teach.

11. How long after high school graduation will it take to complete the education program at Texas Wesleyan?

If a student enrolls full time (12-18 hours per semester) then they will complete the program in 2-2 ½ years. This includes the student teaching component.

12. How will students participating in this program be admitted at Texas Wesleyan?

They will be admitted as a freshman with credit. They will have access to a variety of scholarships and will still participate in freshman orientation.

13. How many students attend Texas Wesleyan? Specifically how large is the education program?

There are currently about 2300 students enrolled. There are 300+ students currently in the education program. Teacher to student ratios are approximately 1 to 15.

Have additional questions? Contact Jennifer Castrillo at jennifercastrillo@misdmail.org or your campus counselor.