North Seattle Community College – Western Washington University
Math and Science Teacher Preparation Partnership

Purpose:
To prepare highly qualified teachers from underrepresented communities with enhanced content knowledge in science and mathematics

Curriculum:
NSCC Associates of Science Degree that meets DTA requirements for WWU general education courses and course work that meets the state competencies for elementary teachers

AND

WWU Seattle-based Bachelor of Education with a major in special education and K-8 endorsement.

Vision Statement
North Seattle Community College (NSCC) and Western Washington University (WWU) are creating an innovative partnership that will shepherd a cohort of diverse underrepresented students working to achieve a teaching degree in elementary education with a focus on math, science and special education. In this partnership, NSCC will provide the first two years of education leading to an AA or AS degree. Students in the cohort who successfully complete their two year degree will transfer into the elementary program of WWU.

A team of faculty from NSCC and WWU are working collaboratively to develop new and modify existing curriculum so that all requirements are met according to the newly developed competencies in elementary education and build on the successful pedagogies like learning communities and inquiry based learning. This new partnership supports the unmet need for trained elementary education math, science and special education teachers. The two schools are developing a shared recruitment plan.