

Great Teachers Begin at Portland State University!

Bilingual Teacher Pathway
Program (BTP)

Elementary Dual Immersion

Fall 2021



College of Education

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

What is BTP?

Culturally responsive teacher education program

Elementary teacher preparation program

Focused on working with emerging bilingual children

Teaching license with Dual Language Specialization



Why was BTP created?

To fill critical shortages of bilingual teachers

To help diversify the teacher population

To prepare teachers for dual-immersion classrooms

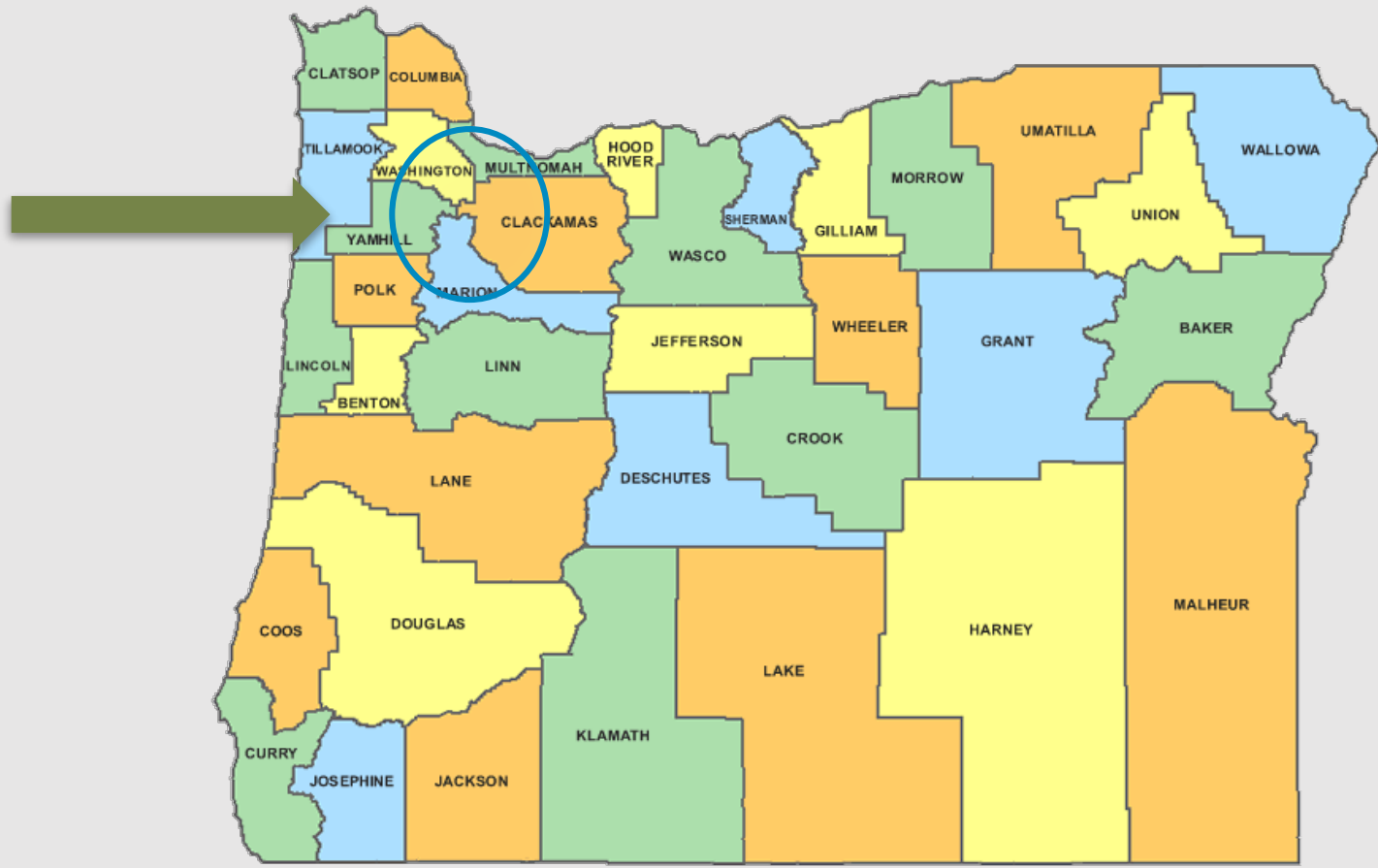
To help close the opportunity gap for culturally/linguistically diverse children



Why here?

50% of Oregon English Learners reside in these districts

- Beaverton
- Canby
- David Douglas
- Gresham-Barlow
- Hillsboro
- North Clackamas
- Portland Public
- Reynolds
- Salem-Keizer
- Tigard-Tualatin
- Woodburn



Who are BTP Students?



**Native Language
(L1)**

**Second
Language
(L2)**

Spanish **45%**

English **62%**

English **40%**

Spanish **37%**

Russian **8%**

Chinese **2.5%**

Arabic/Somali **2.5%**

Vietnamese **1.4%**

400 Bilingual Teachers Licensed



Structure

Two-year program of study

Evening classes held Mondays and Wednesdays

Undergraduate or graduate option

Bachelor's degree with teaching license

Master's degree with teaching license

51 credits of academic course work

21 credits of student teaching with two options

Traditional student teaching February – June of second year

Internship possible with district approval and availability



Admissions Requirements

Be bilingual/bicultural and have a desire to teach elementary education in dual-immersion classrooms

Have a minimum of 120 credit hours including WR 323 or a bachelor's degree

Complete four prerequisite classes by fall 2021:

LIB 428 Children's Literature; Math 211, 212, 213

**Undergraduate student can embed these courses during the BTP program if needed*

Take the required state tests by program start (fall 2021): [National Evaluation Series Elementary Education Subtests I & II](#)



Application Process

Materials:

Résumé

One essay, translated from your first language to your second language

Three letters of recommendation

Undergraduate applicants: [start your application here](#)

Graduate applicants: [start your application here](#)

Application due by **April 1st, 2021**



Program Costs

Undergraduate estimated cost: \$17,570

**This cost is just for the BTP program tuition and fees

Graduate estimated cost: \$35,705

Additional licensure costs and PSU fees: \$1,503

Scholarships available through PSU, application due February 1st

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Teach Grant eligible for up to \$4,000 per academic year





Questions?

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