

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE PRIORITIES

Washington's alternative routes are intended to lead innovation for exemplary program design, including addressing the alternative route priorities. Programs that apply for Alternative Routes Block Grant (ARBG) funding are required to address all six priorities.

- Priority 1** Recruit candidates from populations systematically excluded from the educator workforce that reflect P-12 student demographics
- Priority 2** Prepare candidates to address [content area or geographic shortages](#)
- Priority 3** Strengthen a grow your own teacher model that provides a clear pathway from recruitment to employment
- Priority 4** Offer candidates and mentor teachers job-embedded learning, where candidates are an integral part of the school community and student learning improvement strategy
- Priority 5** Provide support services to candidates to meet program and teacher certification requirements
- Priority 6** Provide candidates credit or early program completion for prior relevant coursework and experience