

# Participant Prerequisites, Expectations, and Graduation Requirements for WHE Online Handwork Teacher Training Program

## **Prerequisites:**

### Familiarity with Waldorf Education and child development

We recommend you familiarize yourself with the following texts/ books:

Required Texts - these are books you will be required to have a copy of and we will work through them together in the training. We recommend you familiarize yourself with them ahead of time.

1. *The Tasks and Content of the Steiner Waldorf Curriculum*, edited by Kevin Avison and Martyn Rawson  
Be sure to purchase the latest edition, Publisher: Floris Books; 2nd edition (August 15, 2014) 4th printing 2019

This will be a required text in 1st through 4th semester.

2. *Tending the Spark: Lighting the Future for Middle School Students* by Betty Staley, Waldorf Publications, 2019

This will be a required text in 3rd and 4th semester.

3. Other reading materials will be shared with you as needed.



Recommended Pre-reading - these are books we recommend you read to familiarize yourself with Waldorf education and handwork ahead of time.

1. *Waldorf Education, A Family Guide*, by Pamela J. Fenner
2. *Teaching Through Stories: Jane and Jeremy Learn to Knit*, by Elizabeth Seward

Familiarity with Anthroposophy / foundation studies or an equivalent OR a plan to engage in foundation studies or their equivalent

We recommend investigating the following resources:

EduCareDo self-guided foundation study program

<https://www.educaredo.org/foundation-course>

Anthroposophical Society in America offers multiple programs online:

<https://anthroposophy.org/get-involved/>

Sophia Institute:

<https://www.sophiainstitute.us/online-anthroposophy-courses.html>

International Campus Waldorf

<https://www.international-campus-waldorf.com/>



Waldorf Handwork Educators  
[www.waldorfhandwork.org](http://www.waldorfhandwork.org)

### Accessibility:

Reliable internet access - You are signing up for an online program. If you have inconsistent or unreliable internet you are expected to resolve your internet issues so you are prepared to participate fully. We do record our weekend sessions and conferences so that students can review the material or catch up in the case of an excused absence.

### Materials:

Access to project materials or (reasonable substitutes) as indicated in the semester supply list and tools at your own cost

### Skills:

We will be digging deep into the handwork curriculum as we work through the grades in modules, starting at Grade One. You are expected to have mastered the basic skills (or have a plan to acquire them) to complete the projects before each module begins. Specific skills are listed in the semester supply lists which will be included in the handbook you will receive upon enrollment.

These skills include, but are not limited to:

- Knitting
- Crochet
- Hand-sewing
- Spinning
- Embroidery
- Felting
- Machine sewing



## **Graduation Requirements:**

1. 90% attendance and active participation in weekend sessions and conferences
2. 100% of assignments completed and turned in. Any late assignments must be turned in by the end of that semester (July 1 and Jan 1) if you need an extension you must request in writing before the original due date. 4th semester assignments must be turned in on or before November 1st.
3. Year 1 - Three classroom observations – in person or online. You will visit and observe an experienced teacher and meet with them afterwards, hold a conversation sharing questions and reflections.
4. Year 2 - Practice teaching/ practicum – in person or online. You will teach a one-day age-appropriate handwork project that you can introduce and bring to completion in one class period. The teacher who observed you will meet with you to give you feedback, which will also be shared with your instructors from WHE.
5. Completion of Final Project which will include a practical and written component and project portfolio. You will present this final project to an invited audience.

