



# Jennifer Meese Green, PhD

**MULTILINGUAL EDUCATOR, TEACHER TRAINER, AUTHOR**

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Jennifer Meese Green, Academic Director of the Multilingual Education Program at Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington, has extensive experience teaching English as a Second Language in the United States and abroad. She prepares pre- and in-service teachers to add their English Language Learner and Bilingual Education Endorsements.

Green repeated her senior year of high school as a Faribault Rotary Exchange student to Sweden. Her love of Sweden and its language inspired her to major in Scandinavian Studies and Social Studies Education at Gustavus Adolphus College where she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. After graduating from Gustavus, she moved to Japan where she taught English for two years. She returned to the United States and enrolled in the School for International Training at Brattleboro, Vermont, pursuing a Master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language. Green joined the Peace Corps as part of her graduate program and was assigned to Ukraine where she served for twenty-seven months as a regional teacher trainer for Ukrainian teachers of English.

She returned to the United States to teach ESL in the St. Francis School District. Eventually, she and her husband moved east where she enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Connecticut completing her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction. Because of her research interests in teacher education and systemic functional linguistics, WWU's Woodring College of Education offered her a full professorship. In 2023, Green became a Fulbright Scholar to the West Bank and Jordan. She returned to Jordan in November, 2024 to support work in English education in partnership with Fulbright, the U.S. State Department, the Jordanian Ministry of Education, and Al-Balqa Applied University.

Professor Green's experiences in Ukraine, Jordan, and the West Bank contribute to her reputation as an expert in delivering bilingual teacher training programs around the world.