



College of Liberal Arts and Education

School of Education

“Best Practices Make the Difference”

A Proud Tradition

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville has been preparing teachers since 1866 and was the first normal school in the state. The school takes great pride in this tradition and is committed to the continuation of quality in its educational offerings and programs.

The School of Education provides the professional education components required for all teacher candidates. Graduates of the programs teach in preschool, elementary, middle or secondary schools. Students may also pursue graduate work leading to a Master of Science in Education (MSE) degree.

The school administers a graduate counselor education program, which is primarily responsible for preparing students for a master's degree in school counseling. Course offerings also support the teacher education curricula. Additional graduate programs are offered in adult education, educational administration, cross-categorical special education, English language learners, and reading.

Undergraduate Program Alternatives

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville offers comprehensive licensure alternatives for students pursuing a career in teaching.

Early Childhood through Middle Childhood

This option is designed for those wishing to teach children from birth to age 11. Students major in elementary ed and minor in early childhood.

Early Adolescence (Middle Level)

This option focuses on the young adolescent, ages 10-14.

Early Adolescence through Adolescence

This option focuses on education at the middle and secondary levels and is designed for those who wish to teach students in the age range of 10-21. It requires completion of a comprehensive academic major or an academic major and minor.

Birth through Adolescence

In this category, licensure spans all ages from birth to 21 for special fields such as foreign language, music, art, physical education, technology education, theater, and agriculture education.

Physical Education and Health (B-21) and Health Promotion

Physical Education and Health is a teaching licensure program. Coaching and a health promotion program are also offered.

General Education

Students completing degree requirements at UW-Platteville must take courses in the following general education categories: written and oral communication; foreign language (unless at least two years of same language completed in high school with grades of C or better); mathematics; physical education; humanities, fine arts, and historical perspective; social sciences; natural sciences, including biological and physical sciences; international education; and ethnic and gender studies.

Majors and Minors

To be licensed as a teacher, one needs a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree. UW-Platteville offers programs that lead to licensure to teach in early childhood centers and elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools.

Students interested in Early Childhood through Middle Childhood major in elementary education and minor in early childhood. Students pursuing the Early Adolescence option complete a middle-level program and, generally, an interdisciplinary studies minor.

Students who plan to teach in middle school and high school (Early Adolescence through Adolescence) or in a “wide-range” subject area (Early Childhood through Adolescence) complete a major and minor or a comprehensive major.

Comprehensive majors include art, broadfield science, social science, choral music, general music, instrumental music, agriculture education, and technology education. Academic majors leading to licensure include biology, chemistry, English, German, history, mathematics, physical education, Spanish, and theater.

Minors include biology, chemistry, computer science, English, English/language arts, environmental science, French, German, health, history, interdisciplinary studies, mathematics, natural science, physics, social science, Spanish, special education/inclusion, speech communication, and theater.

Additionally, anyone with a license to teach any subject in Wisconsin is eligible to coach in Wisconsin. A teacher candidate planning to coach may take coaching courses on an elective basis.

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High School Preparation

A person seeking to be a teacher should have a good high school academic record, preferably including four years of English, and three years of mathematics, science, and social science. Study of a foreign language is advised since competency in foreign language is required for graduation from UW-Platteville. Involvement in extracurricular activities (such as athletics, drama, journalism, and music) provides a well-rounded background important to the beginning teacher.

Professional Preparation

The School of Education prepares teachers who can demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to be effective, reflective practitioners. Education programs are designed to develop communication skills including technology/media, knowledge of content and how to teach that content, and human relations. To complete the program, candidates must demonstrate that they have these competencies.

Faculty

Teacher candidates study under the tutelage of faculty who represent a diversity of ideas, cultures, and academic backgrounds. All faculty have had experience teaching in public schools. Faculty challenge teacher candidates to examine their values and beliefs about teaching and provide them with the experiences and knowledge necessary to be effective professional educators.

Facilities

The School of Education classrooms and laboratories are located in Doudna Hall, Williams Fieldhouse, and other academic buildings. Educational experiences at UW-Platteville are more challenging and exciting because of these excellent, contemporary resources.

Requirements

Students intending to become teachers must file an application for admission to the School of Education. To be eligible for admission, students must a) meet the current minimum grade point average and credit requirements; b) satisfactorily complete the general education communications courses (composition and speech) and entry-level education and computer skills courses; c) demonstrate proficiency in mathematics, reading, and writing by successfully passing the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST); d) complete an admission portfolio; and e) meet any additional specified requirements. At the beginning of their senior year, teacher candidates file for admission to student teaching. To be eligible, candidates must a) have been admitted to the School of Education; b) meet the current grade requirements and grade point averages in major, minor, and professional education courses; c) complete a student teaching portfolio; and d) pass the appropriate Praxis II content test(s).

Employment Opportunities

Faculty advisors track current opportunities and employment trends in all teaching areas. Graduating students with good credentials who are willing to relocate should find a number of suitable teaching positions.

Title II Reporting Requirements

Amendments to the Higher Education Act signed into law October 1998 require that institutions of higher education and state departments of education supply data to the United States Secretary of Education to be used in an annual report card on teacher preparation. In compliance with reporting requirements, UW-Platteville provides the following information:

UW-Platteville offers teacher education programs leading to certification in early childhood, elementary, middle, and middle/secondary education, and in wide range special fields. During the 2007-2008 academic year, 372 students who had been admitted to the School of Education were enrolled in education programs at the university. Of these 372 teacher candidates, 136 participated in supervised practice teaching, which required an average of 700 hours to complete. The 136 teacher candidates were supervised by 18 faculty, which resulted in a student to faculty ratio of 7.56 to 1.

For More Information

For more information, write to the School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville, Wisconsin 53818-3099, call 608.342.1131 or check out the School of Education website at www.uwplatt.edu/education/. For general information on the university and its programs, consult our website at www.uwplatt.edu or contact UWP Prospective Student Services, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville, WI 53818-3099, or call toll-free 1.877.897.5288 or locally 608.342.1127.

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