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 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 degree.

Graduate programs offered are in adult education, educational administration, cross-categorical special education, English language learners, and reading.

Undergraduate Program Alternatives
UW-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 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 from birth to 21 for special fields such as foreign language, music, art, physical education, technology education, theatre, and agriculture education.

General Education
Students completing degree requirements at UW-Platteville must take courses in the following core education categories: entry year experience, 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 theatre.

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

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.

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. 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. Many of the classrooms have Smart Boards and the needed technology to prepare future educators. The Instructional Materials Laboratory, located in the Karrmann library, provides a large collection of materials to assist education students with their studies. 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 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators or sufficient scores on the college entrance test, ACT, SAT, or GRE.
d) complete an admission portfolio
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
d) pass the appropriate Praxis II content test(s) and Foundations of Reading test, if applicable

Employment Opportunities
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.

For More Information
For more information, contact the School of Education, UW-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville WI 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 Admission and Enrollment Services, UW-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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