

UWL Teacher Education

M Undergraduate Major

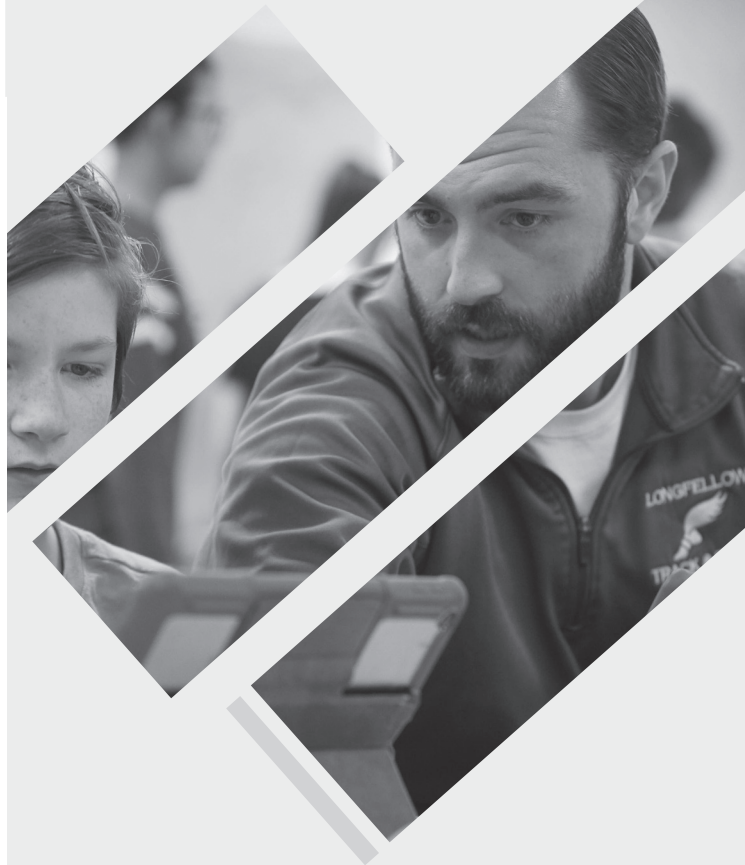
Pursue your dream to teach.

Few professions offer the challenges, satisfactions and rewards as that of an educator. Your individuality and creativity are cultivated in the exciting process of creating opportunities for children and adolescents to learn, and you have the joy of watching this process in action every day.

MAJOR	CERTIFIED TO TEACH
Early Childhood Education	Birth-Grade 3
Elementary and Middle School Education	Grades K-9
Middle and High School Education	Grades 4-12
K-12 Education	Grades K-12

Program requirements

Students must apply for admission to any teacher education program. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has specific criteria that must be met before students are admitted. The process of applying to a Department of Educational Studies (DES) program is described on the UWL Educational Studies Department webpage. Students are also required to disclose past criminal offenses.



Teaching jobs

Opportunities for teachers at all levels and in most disciplines have increased in recent years and are expected to continue in the upward direction. State educator effectiveness data show that teachers who are UWL graduates exceed the Wisconsin averages in performance in every category. Graduates of UWL's teacher education programs enjoy near 100% job placement rates due to exceptional preparation, advising and support from university faculty and staff.

Entry-level careers

- Elementary, middle or high school teacher
- Kindergarten teacher
- Nursery school or head start teacher
- Salesperson with educational publisher

Long-term career development

- Department chairperson/lead teacher
- Educational consultant (private firm)
- Executive director of day care
- Head day care teacher
- National board certification/master teacher
- Principal
- Public relations (government or private)
- Superintendent of schools
- College/university professor/instructor

Options to pursue a teaching degree at UW-La Crosse:

▪ Early childhood education

By completing general education requirements, teacher education requirements, and benchmark assessments for the major in ECE, candidates may be certified to teach students from birth to grade 3. Candidates complete over 1000 hours of immersive, authentic clinical experiences in early childhood-grade 3 settings. Candidates are prepared to teach in public, private, and parochial elementary schools, as well as early childhood education settings. Candidates are prepared to provide instruction in all regular education curriculum areas: reading and language arts, general science, mathematics, and social studies.

▪ Elementary and middle school education - grades K-9

By completing general education requirements, teacher education requirements for the elementary and middle school education major, and benchmark assessments, candidates may be certified to teach students in grades K-9. Candidates may also choose majors that lead to one or multiple certifications:

- Elementary/Middle Education (grades K-9)
- Elementary/Middle Education (grades K-9) & Special Education (grades K-12)
- Elementary/Middle Education (grades K-9) & Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (grades K-12)

All candidates complete over 1000 hours of immersive, authentic clinical experiences in grade K-9 classrooms. Candidates are prepared to teach in public, private, and parochial elementary and middle schools. Candidates are prepared to provide instruction and assessment in all curricular areas: reading and language arts, general science, mathematics, and social studies.

Candidates for the Special Education (grades K-12) license also complete clinical experiences in special education settings.

Candidates are prepared to teach in public, private, and parochial schools at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, in programs that provide services to pupils with intellectual, emotional-behavioral, specific learning, or other disabilities.

Candidates for the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (grades K-12) license also complete clinical experiences in settings with English learners. Candidates are prepared to teach English as a second language in public, private, and parochial schools at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

▪ Middle and high school education - grades 4-12 - Secondary teacher preparation

Students selecting this program option must complete a major aligned with their chosen licensure area. Candidates are prepared to teach in public, private, and parochial middle and high schools. By completing general education requirements, teacher education requirements, major content area requirements, and benchmark assessments, candidates are prepared to teach students in grades 4-12 in their content area. Candidates complete over 1000 hours of immersive, authentic clinical experiences in middle and high school classrooms.

Majors (Licensure area underlined>):

- Broad Field Social Studies Education
- Broad Field Social Studies Education: History Concentration
- Broad Field Social Studies Education: Political Science Concentration
- Broad Field Social Studies Education: Sociology Concentration
- Biology – Science Education Emphasis
- Chemistry – Science Education Emphasis
- Physics – Science Education Emphasis
- English Education
- Mathematics Education

▪ K-12 education

Students selecting this program option must complete a major aligned with their chosen licensure area. Candidates are prepared to teach in public, private, and parochial elementary, middle, and high schools. By completing general education requirements, teacher education requirements, major content area requirements, and benchmark assessments, candidates are prepared to teach students in grades K-12 in their content area. Candidates complete nearly 1000 hours of immersive, authentic clinical experiences in K-12 classrooms.

Majors (Licensure area underlined>):

- Art Education
- French Education
- Music Education – Choral & General Music Emphasis
- Music Education – Instrumental & General Music Emphasis
- Physical, Adapted, and School Health Education (PASHE)
- Spanish Education

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