



Master of Education in Professional Development Professional Educator Weekend and Online Cohort Program

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. With many cohort programs to choose from, why should I choose UW-Eau Claire?

- Convenient— Designed specifically for working educators, the cohort meets one weekend a month; the rest is online.
- Highly interactive—Enjoy working, learning, and making connections with a cohort of your peers.
- Applicable—Focus on optimizing your students' learning through best classroom practices that you can apply immediately.
- Unique—Work with full-time graduate faculty of the College of Education and Human Sciences— instruction based on best practices in adult learning pedagogy.

2. How long will it take to complete?

- If you begin in August, 2010, you will graduate in May, 2012 – That's less than two years!

3. What do previous cohort members have to say about the UW-Eau Claire program?

"Awesome! I would recommend this format to anyone. It is very applicable. It is authentic and relates to my life and teaching."

"Meaningful, practical and creative"

"Fits into a practicing teacher's busy schedule"

"Hybrid format allows face-to-face class time and at-home, independent learning"

"The instructors challenged me to think about my own teaching and explore ways to improve."

"We are treated as equals."

"The assignments were meaningful not only for us, but also our students."

"I am thrilled that I had a class where application was just as important as theory."

4. Is this program a good fit for me?

- Do you have at least 2 years teaching experience?
- Are looking for a meaningful master's program that will strengthen your teaching skills?
- Do you want to make a positive impact in your classroom by improving student learning?

If you answered "YES!" then this is the program for you!

5. How does a cohort program work?

You will go through each step of your program with your cohort of peers, enabling you to collaborate with and support one another.

6. When will I attend classes?

Your cohort will meet one weekend per month on the UW-Eau Claire campus, you'll participate in weekly asynchronous online discussions, and submit homework through the web-based Desire2Learn online instructional program.

7. What are the requirements for admission?

- 1) a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum 2.75 gpa
- 2) a commitment to teaching or an education-related profession
- 3) at least 2 years of teaching or equivalent career-related experience
- 4) a desire to enhance your professional knowledge, skills, and dispositions.

8. Can I transfer credits into the program?

The intention of the cohort is to create a learning community that begins and continues through a program together, so we will not accept credit in transfer toward this program. Please contact the UW-Eau Claire Educational Studies Department (715-836-2013) to ask about alternative programs that may better meet your needs.

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9. What if I can't make it to one or more of the scheduled weekend meetings?

A specific schedule of weekends for the entire program is available on our website: www.uwec.edu/ce/education/mepd. Please schedule your plans around those dates. If you foresee unavoidable scheduling conflicts, you may wish to consider another program, or wait for the next cohort.

10. How do I apply?

Apply online at:
www.apply.wisconsin.edu/graduate/eau
Or request a printed application:
Email: admissions@uwec.edu
Write: UW-Eau Claire Graduate Admissions
Schofield 112
Eau Claire WI 54702-4004

11. If I don't begin the program in 2010, may I start next year?

The answer is "no", and here's why—Each of your courses is facilitated by one of our full-time graduate-level faculty who hold doctoral degrees and conduct research to stay current in their field—No adjunct faculty – No peer facilitators. To maintain this high instructional standard, we are able to offer only one cohort every two years.

12. When do I apply?

July 1, 2010 at the latest—Spaces fill quickly, so please apply soon!

13. What does it cost?

Graduate tuition is set each academic year by the UW Board of Regents. You can find the most current rates at www.uwec.edu/bussvs/busoff

14. Is there financial aid?

Possibly—Please contact the UW-Eau Claire Financial Aid Office directly to see if you qualify. Phone 715-836-3373, or e-mail fnaid@uwec.edu.

15. Where can I find more information?

Start by contacting the Office of Continuing Education. Ask for the Program Manager. Phone 715-836-3636; toll-free 1-866-893-2423. E-mail ce@uwec.edu, or visit our website at www.uwec.edu/ce/education/mepd

16. What courses will I take?

A total of 30 semester credits (6 crs/semester), including:

Fall 2010

Orientation
Teacher Reflection and Evaluation (Begins)
Creative and Critical Thinking
Understanding Our Learners/Brain-Compatible Learning

Spring Semester 2011

Facilitating Literacy Across the Curriculum
Techniques of Curriculum Construction

Summer 2011

Introduction to Educational Inquiry
Systems Thinking
Teacher Reflection and Evaluation (Continues)

Fall 2011

Designing a Learning Environment
Working with Diverse Learners

Spring 2012

Collaborative Leadership
Assessment and Evaluation in Grades 1-12
Teacher Reflection and Evaluation (Ends)

Note: Schedule is subject to change

Questions?

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Please visit our website at www.uwec.edu/ce for other educational opportunities.