

UW-Eau Claire and UW-River Falls Undergraduate Dual Certification Program Early Childhood Special Education & Early Childhood

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Information & Advising: (Who can I go to for information and advising?)	Secure program information and Application for Admission to program from Dr. Thorsen (715-836-2575, thorseca@uwec.edu). Develop a study plan with ECSE adviser.	Submit request to join certification program to Dr. Ward (715-425-0601, gayle.ward@uwrf.edu).
Admission Procedures: (What do I have to do to get into the program(s)?)	Earn passing score on PRAXIS I Test Submit application to ECSE & Pre-K-3 dual program Applications for the program must follow instructions available through the program coordinator, advisor and department chairperson. This application is due October 1 or March 1.	
Courses Required for the add-on Pre-K-3 License and the Early Childhood Special Education Licenses: (What courses am I required to take for certification?)	To earn the Pre-K-3 license, UW-Eau Claire students must complete the following UW-River Falls courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TED 225, Developmental Learning (Spring); • TED 335, Kindergarten Curriculum (Spring); • TED 345, Parent Education; • TED 340, Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum (Fall); • TED 330, Infant/Toddler Program (Fall); • TED 400, Supervision and Management of Early Childhood Programs (Spring); and • TED 424: Inquiry: Society and Environment Early Elementary In addition, UW-Eau Claire students are expected to attend an all day non-credit communications workshop with UW-River Falls students at UW-River Falls on a Saturday in February one time during their studies. This workshop will focus on communicating with parents and colleagues in early childhood settings. Post Baccalaureate students earning the add-on 809 and Pre-K-3 licenses will be required to complete student teaching experiences. When possible the special education and the general education grades 1-3 will be combined in one general education classroom where students with disabilities are supported by a special education teacher. The site selected	To Earn the Early Childhood Special Education 809 license, UW-River Falls students must complete the following courses in addition to the courses required by UW-River Falls for the ECEA license. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPED 220* – Fall (R, 6:00-8:00) or UW-River Falls TED 405, Spring; • SPED 306 – Fall, Spring, & Summer or UW-River Falls PSYC 331; • SPED 321 – Fall; • SPED 322 – Fall; • SPED 323 – Fall; • SPED 331 – Fall, Spring, & Summer; • SPED 401 – Fall, Spring or UW-River Falls PSY 315; • SPED 421* – Spring (W, 6:00-800); • SPED 426* – Spring (R, 6:00-8:45); • SPED 431 – Spring and concurrent enrollment in SPED 421; • SPED 476 – Fall, Spring; and • CSD 411 – Fall, Spring or UW-River Falls TED 410. * Courses offered via distance learning technologies; It should be noted that courses offered during alternating summers on the UW-River Falls campus are subject to enrollment criteria. SPED 220 and 421 are both three (3) credit courses that meet two hours per week and require two (3) hours of pre-student teaching field

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	will meet student enrollment criteria established for the dual program.	experiences arranged by instructor. See http://www.uwec.edu for course descriptions.
Registration Information: (How do I go about registering at UW-River Falls and UW-Eau Claire?)	Register at both UW institutions during the same term when taking courses from both institutions. Register as a "Special" (non-degree) student at the institution where you are pursuing the "add-on" certification. Register online using eSIS, the UW-River Falls student information system: (https://esis.uwrf.edu) Instructions are available at: https://www.uwrf.edu/registraresistutorial.htm	Send an e-mail to registration@uwec.edu to request a registration packet. Identify self as a UW-River Falls student enrolling in courses required in the Collaborative Dual Certification Program. Register online using MyBlugold CampS, which is accessible via the World Wide Web.
Permission to enroll for each course: (Do I need permission to enroll in UW-River Falls and UW-Eau Claire courses?)	Students need to gain a permission number for enrolling in each early childhood UW-River Falls class by emailing Dr. Gay Ward (gayle.ward@uwrf.edu).	
Registration Instructions: (How do I register?)	<u>Before registering</u> secure correct course titles, numbers and section number(s) as special section numbers are used to denote distance learning or off-campus sections (e.g., TED 225, Developmental Learning [Spring]).	<u>Before registering</u> secure correct course titles, numbers and section number(s) as special section number are used to denote distance learning or off-campus sections (e.g., SPED 421.801) It should be noted that courses offered by UW-Eau Claire and taken on the campus at UW-Eau Claire are numbered differently than courses taken by students at off campus at distance learning sites (e.g., SPED 421.001 for on campus offerings and SPED 421.801, 802, etc. for course received at off campus sites). Information about which section to register for is available through Dr. Cathy Thorsen, Department of Special Education, at 715-836-2575 or thorseca@uwec.edu .
Financial Aid: (How do I go about arranging for financial aid for courses taken at UW-River Falls or UW-Eau Claire?)	UW-Eau Claire students applying for financial aid must inform Dr. Stephens, Faculty Program Coordinator, of intention to enroll in UW-River Falls' courses two (2) months before the beginning of the term.	UW-River Falls students applying for financial aid must inform Dr. Ward, Faculty Program Coordinator, of intention to enroll in UW-Eau Claire courses two (2) months before the beginning of the term.

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Enrollment Deposits: (Do I have to pay enrollment deposits at both campuses during semester that I will be taking course concurrently on both?)	A \$100 enrollment deposit is required before registering. The deposit will be waived for Special Students who have enrolled in at least 12 credits at their home institution.	A \$100 enrollment deposit is required before registering. The deposit will be waived for Special Students who have enrolled in at least 12 credits at their home institution.
Reciprocity: (Are these studies covered under reciprocal agreement between Minnesota and Wisconsin?)	If Minnesota resident, apply for reciprocity at: http://www.mheso.state.mn.us/hesod/reciprocity/apply1.cfm or call 1-800-657-3866	If Minnesota resident, apply for reciprocity at: http://www.mheso.state.mn.us/hesod/reciprocity/apply1.cfm or call 1-800-657-3866.
Tuition and Fees: (How much will this cost?)	<p>Undergraduate students enrolled in twelve (12) to eighteen (18) credits are considered full time undergraduate students and will only pay additional fees such as special course fees related to distance learning technologies and textbooks.</p> <p>Students enrolled for less than twelve (12) or more than eighteen (18) credits at each institution will be billed for a portion of the fulltime tuition and fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tuition, • fees, • campus fees for special distance education charges, and • textbooks. <p>Students may be assessed special course fees for courses offered via distance learning technologies (e.g., online or two-way video).</p> <p>See http://www.uwrf.edu/accounts-receive/ for fee payment information.</p> <p>Finance charges will apply if account is not paid in full by the end of the second week of the term.</p>	<p>Undergraduate students enrolled in twelve (12) to eighteen (18) credits are considered full time undergraduate students and will only pay additional fees such as special course fees related to distance learning technologies and textbooks.</p> <p>Students enrolled for less than twelve (12) or more than eighteen (18) credits at each institution will be billed for a portion of the fulltime tuition and fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tuition, • fees, • campus fees for special distance education charges and • textbooks. <p>Students may be assessed special course fees for courses offered via distance learning technologies (e.g., online or two-way video).</p> <p>Finance charges will apply if account is not paid in full by the end of the second week of the term.</p>
Withdrawing from courses: (What do I do if I have to drop a course?)	To drop a course, you must follow the procedures outlined by the UW-River Falls Registrar's Office, available at: http://www.uwrf.edu/registrar/register.htm . See www.uwrf.edu/accounts-receive for tuition refund information.	Calendar dates for withdrawal deadlines are published on the "Blugold", on the Web "Registration Calendars" and can be obtained from the Registrar's office. Withdrawals must follow the procedures outlined by the UW-Eau Claire's Registrar's Office, available by contacting the Registrar's office at registration@uwec.edu .

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How much additional time will it take to complete the additional certification programs?	To a certain extent it depends on the time that a student is admitted to the Department of Special Education Early Childhood Special Education Program. Currently students admitted at the end of their sophomore year and take SPED 200, SPED 205, and SPED 220 prior to admission are completing their studies in four years and nine additional weeks of student teaching if they take a small number of courses during one or two summer sessions. This is changing and students will be taking an additional eighteen weeks of student teaching rather than nine. The program will take a minimum of four and a half years to complete all requirements for ECSE and Pre-K-3.	The Teacher Education Program at UW-River Falls is a five year program. If UW-River Falls students complete studies via distance learning during the academic year and courses offered on the UW-River Falls campus during the summer they should be able to complete the ECSE add on license during their studies that currently take five years to complete.
Will I have to complete additional student teaching experiences beyond those currently required in my program?	Every possible placement will be arranged to address requirements of general as well as special education in the same classrooms for the 3-6/K and the 6-9/Grades 1, 2, or 3 during enrollment in student teaching. Birth to 3 experiences require an additional nine week experience.	Every possible placement will be arranged to address requirements of general as well as special education in the same classrooms for the 3-6/K and the 6-9/Grades 1, 2, or 3 during enrollment in student teaching. Birth to 3 experiences require an additional nine week experience.