

# Education - Elementary

Teaching children and young adolescents is a very important and personally rewarding occupation. Becoming a successful elementary/middle school teacher requires hard work, creativity and responsibility. Teachers must understand the children they teach, know the content knowledge and communicate effectively.

Students pursuing Elementary Education must major in Teaching — Elementary, Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence and also select a minor in an elementary teaching area (see Minor list below).

## Major

- **Teaching** - Elementary, Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence

## Minors

- **General Science**
- **Language Arts**
- **Learning Disabilities** - Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence
- **Math** - Teaching, Middle Childhood/Early Adolescence
- **Social Studies** - Middle Childhood/Early Adolescence
- **Theatre Arts** - Teaching, Middle Childhood / Early Adolescence
- **Science of Coaching**
- **Spanish** - Teaching, Middle Childhood/Early Adolescence
- **French** - Teaching, Middle Childhood/Early Adolescence
- **German** - Teaching, Middle Childhood/Early Adolescence

## Where you'll find our grads

- Teacher, Madison School District, Madison, WI
- English Teacher in France for 7-11 yr. olds, French Government, France
- Social Studies teacher, Houston, TX
- Gr. 3 Teacher, Chippewa Area Catholic Schools
- Substitute Teacher, Eau Claire Area School District

## Prepared for Success

The UW-Eau Claire Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence program leads to licensure to teach in elementary and middle-level schools in Grades 1-8 in the state of Wisconsin.

Typical positions held by elementary education graduates include teaching grades 1-8 in public or private schools.

## Why UW-Eau Claire

## Rankings / Reputation / Well-funded programs

UW-Eau Claire has earned an excellent reputation for the quality of its preparation of teachers, and its graduates are employed throughout Wisconsin and the United States. Elementary education is one of the largest majors at UW-Eau Claire. It is a very competitive and selective program that offers one-on-one relationships with faculty who practice what they preach, allowing for opportunities for student teaching abroad, excellent networking with school districts, and strong collaboration among faculty across the College of Arts and Sciences to develop relevant course content for future teachers.

## Hands-On Experience

Instructional and informational technology are well integrated throughout the program, providing for mastery of emergent tools and materials. Early in the program, students work in schools to become acquainted with the professional responsibilities associated with the profession and to examine their education and career goals

## Student Teaching

An extended period of student teaching is required during a professional semester that allows students to apply their knowledge. Students may participate in overseas student teaching experiences through Educators Abroad and still meet Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction requirements. Students may also participate in student

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teaching experiences in a wide variety of settings outside of the Eau Claire area. Some examples of the immersion programs are Aldine School district in Texas, UW-System Urban Institute of Milwaukee Public Schools, Lac Courte Oreilles Indian reservations and Washington, D.C.

In addition to traditional student teaching placements you may choose an intercultural immersion opportunity in Washington, D.C., Houston or Milwaukee. These options introduce students to a broad diversity of school settings.

## Get Involved / Student Orgs

The extras can make all the difference! At UW-Eau Claire, campus resources such as the Human Development Center and the children's literature collection help students become outstanding teachers. In addition, student organizations, such as the Future Teacher's Club and Student Wisconsin Education Association (SWEA), provide extra social and learning opportunities for students in education.

## First-Year Suggested Curriculum

University Writing Requirement — depending on placement exam.

- Intro to Cultural Anthropology
- Intro to the Visual Arts
- Fundamentals of Speech
- Physical Science
- Mathematics for Elementary/Middle Teachers I
- General Biology
- Western Civilization to 1660
- Physical Education

## Special Admission Guidelines

Admission to the UW-Eau Claire Teacher Education MCEA (Elementary) program requires passing the CORE math, reading and writing, or have the required ACT/SAT/GRE scores as well as demonstrating success in the university's pre-program course (ES 203). Admission to the pre-program requires achieving a 2.75 minimum grade point average and earning a grade of C or higher in Blugold Seminar in Critical Reading Writing.