

Education - Elementary



Teaching children and young adolescents is an important and personally rewarding occupation. Becoming a successful elementary/middle school teacher requires diligence, creativity, and responsibility. Teachers must understand the children they teach, know the content knowledge, and communicate effectively. Great teachers are knowledgeable across broad content areas.

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).

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

Prepared for Success

All elementary education students will complete a general education major.

Second Majors

An additional major can complement your general education major.

- French
- German
- Spanish

Minors

A required minor pairs with your general education major and provides in-depth study in the field of your

“I had more influential professors in the Teacher Education Program than I could possibly name. Not only did they supply me with endless strategies and tools for teaching, they made me feel like an individual.”

— Jenny Berens |
Elementary Education major

choice.

- French
- General Science
- German
- Language Arts
- Learning Disabilities – Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence or Early Adolescence through Adolescence
- Mathematics
- Science of Coaching
- Social Studies
- Spanish
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Theatre Arts

The UW-Eau Claire Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence program leads to licensure to teach in

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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 a 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 competitive and selective program that offers one-on-one relationships with faculty who model current and effective classroom practices. The program allows for opportunities for 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

Students have the opportunity to experience work in classrooms even before they enter the program. In your sophomore year, you will assist teachers in elementary and middle school learning environments to become acquainted with the responsibilities of teaching and the organization of schools in general. In your junior year, you receive classroom teaching experience by serving as a Teaching Assistant. Students may also choose an intercultural immersion trip to Washington, D.C., Minneapolis or Milwaukee. These options introduce students to a broad array of school settings. Instructional and informational technology are integrated throughout the program, providing for mastery of emergent tools and materials.

Student Teaching

As a senior you will apply your knowledge through a full semester of student teaching or interning. Students may participate in student teaching experiences in a variety of settings outside of the Eau Claire area, including a program in the Aldine School District in Houston, Texas.

Get Involved / Student Orgs

The extras can make all the difference! UW-Eau Claire provides Education majors with many opportunities to get involved in the community and gain hands-on experience. Aspiring Educators is a student organization for all pre-service teachers that offers many ways to connect with local schools and fellow students. ECLIPSE is an AmeriCorps program that assigns pairs of students to area preschool classrooms to help improve the language, literacy and social skills of 3-5 year olds. Students can work with children at the ECLIPSE sites as work study or service-learning. For students interested in supporting high school students from low-income and first-generation families, UW-Eau Claire hosts an Upward Bound program on campus. Another service-learning option is our Reading Partners program in which students work directly with a child or family to help improve literacy skills.

First-Year Suggested Curriculum

- Introduction to Education
- Introduction to the Visual Arts
- Earth Science

- Numbers and Operations I and II
- Music Appreciation
- General Biology
- Introduction to Sociology
- World History

Special Admission Guidelines

Students must apply for entrance to the Elementary Education program. Application deadline to the program is March 1 or October 1 of each year. Application does not guarantee admission to the program. Individual programs may require additional application materials. Contact our office for more information.