

UW-Whitewater College of Education to Offer Accelerated Add-on Early Childhood (regular education) Licensure in the Summer 2014

Are you a teacher in Wisconsin who holds a current MC/EA license and you would like to add an Early Childhood: Regular Education license (Early Childhood Education 777)? Because of the number of schools offering four year old kindergarten and the increased awareness of the importance of early childhood education, the faculty members at UW-Whitewater have developed an accelerated program in early childhood education at the graduate level.

Details about the add-on licensure coursework for the summer of 2014:

- All courses will be offered on-line via Desire to Learn (D2L)
- The courses will be offered between June 16 and August 17 (three, three-week courses and a nine-week practicum)
 - All of the required coursework must be completed by July 25. Further explanation will be given to those students enrolled in this program
- There will be one face to face meeting with the faculty on June 12 (5:00 pm to 7:00 pm), in the computer lab in Winther Hall room 1006.
- At the first meeting we will cover the content of the courses and offer training on the use of D2L for new users.
- Students must enroll in all four of the courses
- Students must complete a practicum during the summer of 2014
 - The practicum is a minimum of 100 hours
 - Students are responsible for finding a practicum placement and the coordinator (Robin Fox) will review the proposed placement. Proposed practicum sites must be emailed to Robin by May 1, 2014 (foxr@uww.edu). Please consider the following criteria:
 - Public school summer school for children four or five years old OR
 - Childcare setting for children four or five years old OR
 - Preschool for children four or five years old OR
 - Other placement approved by coordinator
 - Additional placement approval criteria:
 - Must video tape teaching three times during the placement
 - Must receive approval (from the school/families) to videotape in the placement (please see three attachments related to video permission)
 - Must have someone on site with at least three years of teaching experience who would be able to serve as a cooperating teacher.
 - Cooperating teachers must hold a current, valid State of Wisconsin teaching license. They will observe the student's teaching at least once and offer written feedback to be emailed to the instructor of the practicum (the written feedback is in the form of a final evaluation)

Additional Requirements (to be addressed in this suggested order to insure all criteria are met for licensure):

- Students must hold a current MC/EA Wisconsin Teaching License
 - Those who hold other licenses in elementary education:
 - If teachers hold a license that is neither a Wisconsin or MC/EA, send an email to **Robin** to discuss further
- Students should pass the Praxis II (0014 or 5014) and the Wisconsin Foundations of Reading exam prior to beginning courses (required for licensure and UWW will not endorse your application for licensure until this exam is passed). Please note that you can take the courses

prior to passing the exams but endorsement from UWW will not take place until we receive a student's passing scores.

- Please see the following website for information regarding the tests
 - <http://www.uww.edu/coe/advising/licensure/tests.html#praxis>
 - <http://www.wi.nesinc.com/>
- Students must be admitted to the University of Wisconsin (Graduate School) before they will be allowed to register for classes
 - Please see the following:
 - <https://apply.wisconsin.edu/>
 - If you are interested in only taking the twelve credits during the summer of 2014 you should apply as a Non-Candidate For Degree or NCFD (if you choose to complete a master's level program at a later date you will need to reapply to a specific program)
 - Additional information about Graduate School can be found:
 - <http://www.uww.edu/gradstudies/gradprogapps.php>
- Students must complete the "Application Form for Licensed Teachers" before they will be allowed to register for classes
 - Please see the following :
 - http://www.uww.edu/coe/admission/prof_ed_admin/docs/NewGreenForm001.pdf
 - Make sure to attach all of the required paperwork to the "Application Form for Licensed Teachers"
- **Students will be allowed to register only after the following have been completed and returned to Robin. Please send all forms together in one mailing, if possible:**
 - Program Plan (with student's name inserted), *attached to this email*
 - Application Form for Licensed Teachers (with all attachments) have been completed and returned to Robin, *hotlink above*
 - The Practicum Application can be sent in separately but requires signatures, so originals need to be mailed by May 1st (along with signed videotaping forms), *practicum application attached to this email*
- Students must pass all courses in order to be recommended for the add on license

These are the courses students will take in the summer of 2014:

- EARLYCHD 711, **Early Childhood Education: From Theory to Practice** – Three Credits
A study of the historical and theoretical foundations, current models and practices, and significant research regarding early childhood education.
- EARLYCHD 713, **Trends in Curriculum for the Preschool/Primary Child** – Three Credits
This course is designed to give students sufficient skills to develop, implement and evaluate curriculum for children from ages 3-8.
- EARLYCHD 714, **Current Issues in Early Childhood Education** – Three Credits
Identification of significant issues and consideration of research having an impact on emerging trends as well as current practices in early childhood education.
- CIFLD 793, **Practicum (Elementary)** – Three Credits
Prereq: Graduate status, application and interview, completion of 9 credits at UW-Whitewater, and designated curriculum check sheet requirements (Not to be used for first-time certification.)

Some possible questions:

- *Why must all classes be taken during the summer of 2014?*
 - Although there are four separate courses – there will be a D2L site where all of the information for all of the classes will be found. All assignments will integrate the content from all of the courses and all of the courses will be team taught by two instructors. Each course will be assigned specific assignments so that grading will be possible but otherwise, it is the instructors' hope that the courses will be seamless. If a student only takes one, the online discussions and assignments may be difficult to complete.

- *I am very interested in this add-on licensure but I am not able to do it this summer – will it be offered again in 2015?*
 - Whether or not this will be offered in 2015 will be based on interest and the current early childhood education faculty in the College of Education. The decision to offer or not offer this add-on license in the summer of 2015 will be determined by November 1, 2014.

- *Can these courses be taken at the undergraduate level?*
 - These courses are being offered only at the graduate level because of the intensity and rigor of the course work. This level of work would not be appropriate for undergraduate students. If students wish to take the Early Childhood classes (at the undergraduate level) of the Early Childhood/Middle Childhood this can be arranged but it would be a minimum of 27 credits and would take at least a full year of study to complete. Additionally, the cost of this graduate add on licensure program is a savings of at least \$4,000-\$5,000 (this cost does not include transportation to and from UW-Whitewater).
 - To find out the cost (or estimated cost depending on when you check) for twelve graduate credits at UW-Whitewater, please go to: <https://uwwcost.uww.edu/>

- *I am interested in the add-on licensure but can I also use these courses toward a Master's Degree?*
 - Yes, the twelve credits can be applied to the Master's of Science: Professional Development in Education in the Curriculum and Instruction Department. The core courses are listed below:

CIGENRL 723, Issues, Perspectives & Directions: A Professional Seminar in Education (3 credits)
 EDFOUND 780, Reading, Analyzing and Evaluating Educational Research (3 credits)
 EDUINDP 724, Planning for Change: Seminar in Research, Practice and Voice (2 credits)
 EDUINDP 726, Capstone Advising I: Project Planning and Review of Literature (1 credit)
 EDUINDP 727, Capstone Advising II: Data Collection and Analysis (1 credit)
 EDUINDP 789, Capstone Project Seminar (2 credits)

Additional Courses in Content Area to Reach a Minimum of 30 Credits (to be decided upon in conjunction with advisor, minimum of six credits needed):

- CIGENRL 770, Supervision of Student Teachers (3 credits)
- COMDIS 555, Language Development and Disorders in Children (3 credits)
- EDFOUND 675, Understanding and Dealing with Disruptive Behaviors (3 credits)
- EDUINDP 790*, Individualizing Inclusion through Consultation in ECE (3 credits)
- SPECED 560, Behavior Management for the Inclusive Classroom (3 credits)

- SPECED 576*, Medical Aspects of Disabilities (3 credits)
- SPECED 626, Intro to Individualized Diagnostic Assessment of EEN (3 credits)
- SPECED 682, 683, 684, Current Topics in Spec Ed – Summer Institute (3 credits)

*=online courses

Additional Information about the MSE-PD can be found at:

<http://www.uww.edu/coe/msepd/overview.php>

- *Can I complete the entire MSE-PD online?*
 - At this point several of the core courses for the MSE-PD are online or will be offered online. Those courses with an * under “additional courses in content area” are courses that are currently being offered online.
- *What do I do once I receive passing grades on all four courses to obtain my additional license?*
 - Please see the College of Education Licensing website (<http://www.uww.edu/coe/advising/licensure/applying.html>). Please take the time to review all of the materials and if you can't find your answer, please email Jillian Smith (College of Education Licensing Officer) at smithjm@uww.edu.

The only way that a student can take these courses is after Robin Fox has granted approval. If interested, please start the paperwork now and submit your materials ASAP. The first day that students will be given permission to enroll is March 1st, 2014.

- Students will be sent an email when all of the required paperwork has been received, reviewed and approved
 - Application Form for Licensed Teachers (hotlink)
 - Program Plan (attached)
 - Practicum Application (attached), signatures required – needs to be sent via mail (Robin's address is noted on the form and also noted below)
- Students will be sent an email when they can register for the four classes (March 1st at the earliest). Please note that this add on program is limited to twenty students (and there must be at least twelve students registered for us to offer the courses) and priority for registering will be determined by when the required paperwork is submitted to Robin.

Questions regarding this add on license should be directed to Robin Fox (foxr@uww.edu).

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