

The Department of Special Education offers a 36 credit MSE (masters) with links to cross-categorical licensure in special education grades 1-12. Because of the way WI Department of Public Instruction licensing works students are eligible for an additional LD license. All classes are at night during the spring and winter semesters. Summer classes are part of the program. Students who enroll in one or two classes per semester would matriculate in three years. Students who added more classes per semester could complete sooner.

Prerequisites for conditional admission to the program for graduates who do not have previous teaching certification are passing either the PRAXIS I (PPST) or the PRAXIS II Content Exam (test # 0146). Because scores for the PRAXIS I (PPST) are available quickly and the test is offered more often than the PRAXIS II we suggest registering for the PRAXIS I first. Here are the suggested enrollment steps:

1. Visit the ETS test site (Google ETS) and register for one or both of the PRAXIS exams. I suggest registering for both at the same time. You will receive the PPST scores soon but space availability often seems limited on the PRAXIS II so do plan to register for it ASAP. The PRAXIS II is a test of Middle School Content that DPI requires of special educators. If you have not taught Middle School Math, Science or Social Studies, we strongly recommend buying the study guide (the website and Amazon has them). The test is not difficult but it is all about middle school academic content.
2. Apply online to the Graduate School www.uww.edu Indicate you are interested in the MSE in Special Education. Cost is \$56.00
3. Once your Graduate application is complete, the graduate coordinator receives your file electronically. Once your scores from one of the PRAXIS exams are received, she will be able to admit you into the program and assign you a special education advisor who will contact you. The two of you will sit down to develop a course of study to meet your personal needs and professional interests. Attached please find a copy of a typical MSE licensure plan. The PRAXIS tests are prerequisites for the Special Education courses you will need.
4. When you are a UWW student, you will also need to apply for Professional Education Admission. Admission to professional education is required of the licensure courses you need. Your special education advisor can help you with this process. The website for Professional Education admission is as follows:
http://www.uww.edu/coe/admission/prof_ed_admin/requirements.html
Previously licensed teachers complete what is called the “Green Form”. A license cannot be an emergency, substitution, temporary license for this step. The license must be a valid, credentialed license.

Students pursuing first licensure must:

- Attend a Phase 1 meeting
- Pass the PPST (also required of your Cross Categorical MSE program)
- Attend the Phase 2 meeting: Professional Education Orientation
- Complete the Phase 2 portfolio evaluation by taking the one-credit EDFOUND 214 course
- Verify 350 hours with learners
- 2.75 GPA (also required of Graduate School)