Be a **POWERFUL VOICE** in education

**UWM is the only program in Wisconsin to prepare and certify teachers of children and youth who are deaf/hard of hearing.**

With a grant from the Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs (Project ADEPT), financial and material support is available for individuals admitted into the Teacher Certification or Certification + Master’s in Deaf/Hard of Hearing Programs at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. This is a distance education program that utilizes online and campus-based courses, web-based video conferencing, and distance supervision of individuals in their geographic area.

**Project Goals**

1. Prepare 50 teachers to serve students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Pre-K through grade 12;

2. Provide a comprehensive distance education program that is accessible to individuals across Wisconsin, the Midwest and the country;

3. Prepare educators to implement essential teaching practices that support development and academic achievement of deaf/hard of hearing students;

4. Implement teaching practices that are evidence based, culturally responsive, aligned with state standards and effectively delivered within a variety of educational programs;

5. Assure that graduates are highly qualified and committed to making a positive impact on learning, achievement, social-emotional development and the futures of students who are deaf/hard of hearing.

**Student Supports**

- Tuition Scholarships
- Technology and resource toolkit to develop essential practices
- Support for development of American Sign Language communication skills
- Mentoring and professional development by a team of experienced teachers and professionals for learning and mentoring
- Supported/supervised teaching experiences across a range of settings.

**NOTE:** Acceptance of support through Project ADEPT requires a service obligation.

Application to the certification program and Project ADEPT is through the Department of Exceptional Education. Instructions and application materials can be found at uwm.edu/soe/academics/ex_ed/dhh-ms-cert.cfm

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