Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Certification and Master’s Degree

Why this UWM program is right for you:
- Experienced Faculty: recognized leaders in the field of special education with expertise in urban teaching, inclusive education, language and literacy, curriculum, and assistive technology
- Urban Focus: culturally responsive teaching methods to reach students from diverse backgrounds
- Evening Classes: scheduling options which meet the needs of working professionals and adult learners
- Master’s Degree Option: certification can be combined with a Master’s Degree in Exceptional Education

To apply to this program, you will need:
- Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited institution of higher education
- Undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 or above

Program Structure: (See back of this page for the typical sequence of courses in the two year program)
- Cohort Model: student groups move through the program together
- Field-based Teaching Experiences: extensive and supervised work in schools and classrooms
- Cross-categorical Certification: program content prepares students to teach all children with an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Education Program (IEP)

Teacher Certification: This program leads to certification in Early Childhood Special Education, DPI license subject 809.

Master’s Degree Option: Individuals can earn certification and a Master’s Degree through UWM’s program. Once accepted into the Post-Baccalaureate program individuals complete their final 18 certification credits at the graduate level and complete 12 credits of Master’s core coursework. If interested, speak with an advisor regarding the steps required to apply.
Typical Course Sequence for the TWO YEAR Certification Program In Early Childhood Special Education for Individuals With No Previous Education Certification

Note: Students may only enter the professional courses after formal admission to the program; To advance in the sequence, the teacher candidate must successfully complete each requirement listed for the semester, including a “C” or better in coursework/field experiences and at least a 2.75 GPA for the semester. If this does not occur, a meeting must be scheduled with the faculty at the end of the semester and a determination will be made about continuation in the program.

**Two Year Program is approximately 49 credits, a transcript evaluation determines the number of credits required**

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