School of Education Admission Application

Applying to the Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Program requires a number of forms and some advance planning on your part. Our goal is to make the process as clear and as concise as possible. Everything you need to apply is right here at your fingertips. Following these simple steps will ensure a smooth application process.

**Step One**

**Review the admission criteria to ensure you have met the minimum admission requirements.** The following requirements must be met before applying to the program. *If you do not meet the admission criteria, you should not submit an application.*

- **Bachelor's Degree:** You must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- **GPA Requirement:** You must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on all coursework completed for undergraduate credit. In addition, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 is required in any English courses.

**Step Two**

**Have your transcript(s) evaluated.** A transcript evaluation will help you determine which course work will be needed to become certified. The program director will review your previous coursework and determine which courses will meet program requirements for certification. Evaluations must be completed before applying for admission to the program and could take up to four (4) weeks to complete. Transcript evaluations may be requested at any time by completing the Request for Transcript Evaluation found here: [http://uwm.edu/education/academics/ci-request-transcript-evaluation/](http://uwm.edu/education/academics/ci-request-transcript-evaluation/)
Step Three

Determine your status for your first semester. As an applicant to the Post Baccalaureate Teaching Certification program, you have two options:

**Option A: Teaching Certification Only**

With this option, you complete the course work necessary to obtain your teaching certification only. If you are pursuing this option, you need to **apply online for admission to UWM as a post baccalaureate student.** The online application is required even if you have applied or attended UWM previously as an undergraduate, graduate, or University Special Student. Your application will be considered incomplete if you do not apply online. Complete the application at [https://apply.wisconsin.edu](https://apply.wisconsin.edu)

Please note that there is no application fee for this type of application. Please ignore the payment page and **DO NOT MAKE A PAYMENT.**

**Option B: Teaching Certification and Graduate Degree**

With this option, you complete the course work necessary to obtain teaching certification and a graduate degree. If you are interested in this option, you should schedule a meeting with Dr. Donna Pasternak.

Please contact Dr. Pasternak at [dlp2@uwm.edu](mailto:dlp2@uwm.edu). Before each semester, you should meet with Dr. Pasternak to decide if you will take your courses as a post baccalaureate student (with undergraduate status and tuition) or a graduate student (with graduate status and tuition). If you plan to pursue a teaching certification in conjunction with a graduate degree, you must also submit an application for admission to UWM’s Graduate School. Visit [https://graduateschool-apply.uwm.edu/](https://graduateschool-apply.uwm.edu/) for information application process.
Step Four

Review the application checklist (below) and gather all these materials. Make sure all forms are filled in completely. **DO NOT SUBMIT AN APPLICATION UNLESS ALL ITEMS ARE INCLUDED.** Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Application Checklist

| ☐ Online UW-System application for admission to UWM at [https://apply.wisconsin.edu](https://apply.wisconsin.edu) (step 3) |
| ☐ School of Education Post Baccalaureate Admission Application (page 7) |
| ☐ Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education, technical colleges, schools, and programs - see instructions below |
| ☐ Transcript Evaluation |
| ☐ Admission Essay - see instructions below |
| ☐ Resume – see instructions below |
| ☐ Copy of Wisconsin or Out-of-State Education License(s), if applicable |
| ☐ Faculty Signature – Ms. Barbara Sonnenberg must sign your application prior to submission. (see step 5) |

Please keep a copy of all documents for your records. Documents will not be returned to you.

Admission Essay

In a separate typed document, discuss what experiences you have had that have influenced your decision to study education - in particular in a teacher certification program housed in a School of Education invested in improving and supporting urban education in the Milwaukee metropolitan area. Please frame your essay in a way that the following issues contextualize your discussion:

- Relevant course work that informs your decision to certify in English.
- Relevant field (life) experiences, in and out of a school setting, that inform your decision to become an educator.
- An appreciation of the broad social issues that affect urban schools and their students.
- Concrete detail and rich language that describe your experience.

Note: There is no specified format for the essay other than to address the points listed above and present your answer in a professional format (12-point font, double spaced and one-inch margins).
Official Transcripts
You should request official transcripts from all institutions of higher education, technical colleges, schools, and programs except UWM. If you attended UWM and transfer work from another institution is reflected on your UWM transcript, you do not need submit those transcripts again.

Do not send transcripts directly to UWM. Transcripts should be sent directly to you but should not be opened upon receipt. Include the unopened envelopes with the other application materials. Unfortunately, we cannot accept photocopies of transcripts or transcripts not in a sealed envelope.

If your institution issues electronic transcripts, those are acceptable providing the institution’s designated agent for the electronic delivery of transcripts sends them directly to the Undergraduate Admissions Manager at kaczmarm@uwm.edu.

Resume
Your resume should not exceed two pages and should include educational background, work experience, special talents/skills, and other relevant experience with children. Information about resume writing can be found at http://uwm.edu/careerplan/students-2/application-materials/resumes/

Assessment Requirements
Throughout the program there are several assessments required by the Department of Public Instruction. These requirements are designed to assess your readiness for teaching.

Subject Area Competency
All candidates who complete their educator preparation programs at a Wisconsin college/university or alternative program after August 31, 2004, are required to demonstrate proficiency in their content area to qualify for a Wisconsin educator license. The English program allows you to satisfy this requirement in one of three ways:

- **GPA** – Earn a 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale in the English content area.
- **Portfolio** – Complete a portfolio, which includes demonstrated content knowledge in approved core areas of English/Language Arts study as instructed by the director of the English Education program.
- **Praxis Subject Assessment Test** - The Praxis Subject Assessment test measures subject-specific content knowledge, as well as general and subject-specific teaching skills, that you need for beginning teaching.
Students who do not meet the GPA required or who do not complete a portfolio MUST take the Praxis Subject Assessment test to demonstrate subject area competency.

Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA)
The edTPA is a review of your teaching materials at the culmination of your program. Materials that document and demonstrate your ability to effectively teach are submitted to an independent reviewer. Students are required to successfully complete the edTPA in order to be licensed as a English educator.

Student Teaching

You will be required to complete student teaching during the last semester of your program. Student teaching placements are not automatic. Students must apply for student teaching, be approved, and register for a student-teaching course, in order to student teach.

Information about application deadlines and application materials can be found here.

Bilingual, English as a Second Language or World Languages Certification

You may want to increase your marketability by adding a Bilingual, English as a Second Language, or World Languages certification to an English certification. If you are interested in pursuing this, an additional application packet must be submitted. The following must be included:

- Copy of your School of Education application with the additional certification indicated.
- Copy of your resume
- Admission Essay – In a separate typed document, discuss what experiences you have had that have influenced your decision to study education in a teacher certification program in a School of Education invested in improving and supporting urban education in the Milwaukee metropolitan area. Please frame your essay in a way that the following issues contextualize your discussion:
  - Relevant course work that informs your decision to certify in your area of interest.
  - Relevant field (life) experiences, in and out of a school setting, that inform your decision to become an educator.
  - An appreciation of the broad social issues that affect urban schools and their students.
  - Concrete detail and rich language that describe your experience.

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For more program requirements for addition a language certification, visit our Web site: http://uwm.edu/education/academics/second-language/
Step Five

Submit your application. The English Education program begins in the spring. You must meet with the Program Director, Ms. Barbara Sonnenberg, between September 3 and September 28, 2018. When you meet with Ms. Sonnenberg, she will review and sign your application. To schedule a meeting, please contact Ms. Sonnenberg at sonnenbe@uwm.edu. Once your application is signed, you may submit your application either in person to Enderis Hall, Room 209 or by mail to:

School Of Education
Office of Student Services
P.O. Box 413
Milwaukee, WI 53201-0413

A letter indicating the status of your application will be mailed prior to the start of the semester. The letter will be sent to the address listed on your application. Please do not call or e-mail asking about the status of your application.

Assistance with your Application

Admissions Manager
For questions about the admissions process or this application, please contact the Undergraduate Admissions Manager, Maggie Kaczmarek at (414) 229-6675 or kaczmarm@uwm.edu.

Academic Advising
We strongly recommend an appointment with an advisor prior to application to the program if possible. The advisors for the program are Tammy Badura (last names beginning A-L) and Nikki Claas (last names beginning M-Z). To schedule an appointment, please call (414) 229-4721.
REQUIRED BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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Preferred Telephone | Email Address | Gender | Male | Female |

Indicate your plan.
- [ ] I will pursue my teaching certification only.
- [ ] I will pursue my teaching certification and a graduate degree.
  - [ ] I will enroll in classes as a graduate student my first semester (paying graduate level tuition).
  - [ ] I will enroll in classes as a post baccalaureate student for my first semester (paying undergraduate level tuition).

Are you currently teaching?
- [ ] No  [ ] Yes  If yes, indicate where:

Are you teaching with an emergency license?
- [ ] No  [ ] Yes

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Undergraduate GPA

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PROGRAM OFFERINGS

- [ ] English - Early Adolescence through Adolescence
- [ ] Additional Certifications

  **Note:** An additional application is required if applying for a supplemental certification or minor.
  - [ ] English as a Second Language minor
  - [ ] World Language minor
  - Indicate language: [ ] Chinese [ ] French [ ] German [ ] Hebrew [ ] Italian [ ] Latin [ ] Russian [ ] Spanish
  - [ ] Bilingual Supplemental Certification. Indicate language: [ ] Hmong [ ] Lao [ ] Spanish

STUDENT SIGNATURE

_________________________________________ DATE

FACULTY SIGNATURE (required prior to submission)

_________________________________________ DATE

Date Received _____________________________