Frequently Asked Questions

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1. **What is the UW System Institute for Urban Education (IUE)?**
The IUE is a UW System initiative to increase the opportunities for teaching candidates who are interested in becoming effective teachers for urban schools and culturally diverse populations. The Institute is a community-based program combining student teaching, academics and school community involvement to prepare teachers who seek an intensive urban teaching experience.

2. **Who can apply to the IUE?**
The UW System IUE is for teacher candidates from UW System campuses who want an experience that combines student teaching and community immersion in an urban setting. If you have a desire to have an urban teaching experience and are committed to becoming a culturally relevant practitioner, the Institute is for you.

3. **What is the Institute experience?**
As an Institute student, you will student teach in Milwaukee. You will be supported during this process and visited by your student teaching supervisor. Moreover, your student teaching seminar will focus on issues of urban education and be taught by individuals and community members committed to urban teaching excellence and to advancing the urban community. Another part of the Institute is becoming involved in your school's community. You will be expected to participate in school community events and programs.

4. **Does it cost more to be an Institute student?**
No, your tuition remains the same. There may be additional text book cost associated with the seminar. The IUE strives to keep addition student cost to a minimum.

5. **Are there housing options included in the Institute experience?**
All IUE teacher candidates are responsible for making and paying for their own housing arrangements.

6. **What about my portfolio and edTPA?**
You will still need to complete the WI DPI portfolio and all edTPA requirements for your home institution as well as meet the specific requirements of your program. The IUE collaborates with each campus to fulfill students’ portfolio and edTPA requirements. The ten WI teaching standards are addressed in seminar assignments.

7. **How do I apply for the Institute?**
To participate in the IUE, contact the Coordinator or Director of Field Placement at your home campus to request an IUE online application. Your Coordinator or Director of Field Placement will email you the IUE online application link. A copy of the application questions and a step-by-step Student Application Flow Chart can be found on the IUE website.
The IUE online application is accepted during the following times:
- For Spring semester student teaching apply October 1 – 31
- For Fall semester student teaching apply March 1 – 30

Please visit the IUE website for more detailed information about the IUE Program.

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