School of Education Admission Application

It’s time to apply for admission to your Teacher Education Program in the School of Education. 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.

Step One – Are you Ready to Apply?

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 apply for admission.

- **GPA Requirement**: At the time of application, applicants must have 58 credits with a minimum 2.5 GPA; and a minimum of 2.75 GPA in all science content courses. The GPA will be calculated on all transfer and UW-Milwaukee course credits.

- **Oral and Written Communication (OWC) Competency Part A**: Applicants must achieve a placement level of 4 or higher on the English Proficiency Test, or complete English 102 or an equivalent with a grade of C or better.

- **Quantitative Literacy (QL) Competency Part A**: Applicants must achieve a placement level of 30 or higher on the Math Placement Test or complete Math 102, 103, 105, 108, or 175, or an equivalent, with a grade of C or better.

- **Communication Requirement**: Applicants are required to complete Communication 103 with a grade of C or better.

- **CURRINS 328 Requirement**: Applicants are required to complete CURRINS 328: Introduction to Teaching Science: Colloquium and Fieldwork, or an equivalent transfer course, with a grade of C or better.
Step Two – What Should I include in my Application?

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

- School of Education Undergraduate Admission Application (page 6)
- Unofficial UWM transcript - see instructions below
- Resume – see instructions below
- Faculty Signature – Your application must signed by Dr. Craig Berg or Dr. Ray Scolavino prior to submission. (see step 3)

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

Printing Unofficial Transcripts through PAWS

Use the simple instructions below to print your unofficial transcript through your PAWS account.

1. When logging into PAWS, your Student Center displays. Under the “Academics” heading, click on the drop down menu, select “Transcript: View Unofficial”, and click on the double arrow to the right of the menu.

2. Select the Transcript Type you want from the drop down menu. The Output Destination Type will always be e-mail. Click on the Submit Transcript Request button.

3. If your request was submitted successfully, you will see a message that reads, “Your request has been submitted. It has been sent to your UWM e-mail address as a PDF attachment. The sender’s email address will be destran@uwm.edu.”

4. If your request was not submitted successfully, you will receive a message indicating why and letting you know what steps to take.
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.

Praxis Subject Assessment Test
The Praxis Subject Assessment measures subject-specific content knowledge, as well as general and subject-specific teaching skills, that you need for beginning teaching. Students are required to take and pass the Praxis Subject Assessment prior to applying for a student teaching placement.

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 Science educator.

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/

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.

Those applying for admission to the Science program must submit their online Student Teaching Application no later than April 26, 2019.
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 a Science 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 unofficial UWM transcripts.
- 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.

Note: There is no specified format for the essay other than to address the points listed above and to present your answer in a professional format (12-point font, double spaced and one-inch margins).

For program requirements for language certification, visit our Web site: http://uwm.edu/education/academics/second-language/
Step Three – How do I Submit my Application?

Submit your application by April 30. The Science Education program begins in the summer. Applications will be accepted at any time prior to the start of the program but no later than April 30. You must meet with either Dr. Craig Berg or Dr. Ray Scolavino prior to submitting your application. When you meet with Dr. Berg or Dr. Scolavino, they will sign your application. To schedule a meeting, please contact Dr. Berg at caberg@uwm.edu or (414) 229-4047 or Dr. Scolavino at ni3@uwm.edu or (414) 229-2995. 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 Andrea Azarian (last names beginning A-L) and Tammy Badura (last names beginning M-Z). To schedule an appointment, please call (414) 229-4721.
**REQUIRED BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

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**ADMISSION CRITERIA**

**Communication Requirement**

- Completed COMMUN 103
  - Grade ___  ___ Semester__________ Year____

**Cumulative GPA**

**Cumulative Degree Credits Completed** (see CUM Degree Credits on transcript)

**Field Experience**

- CURRINS 328 (100 or 300) or other ____________ Grade ___  ___ Semester__________ Year____

**Oral and Written Communication (OWC) Competency Part A (check one):**

- Placement Test (Indicate date ______) OR ☐ Completed ENGL 102 or equivalent: Grade ___  ___ Sem____ Year____

**Quantitative Literacy (QL) Competency Part A (check one):**

- Placement Test (Indicate date ______) OR ☐ Completed Math ____________: Grade ___  ___ Sem____ Year____

**PROGRAM OFFERINGS**

☐ Science - Early Adolescence through Adolescence

Choose focus area:

- Biology - Choose one: ☐ Major ☐ Minor
- Broad Field Major with concentration in ☐ Biology ☐ Chemistry ☐ Physics ☐ Earth & Space ☐ No concentration
- Chemistry - Choose one: ☐ Major ☐ Minor
- Earth and Space - Choose one: ☐ Major ☐ Minor
- Environmental Science Major
- Life and Environmental Major
- Physics - Choose one: ☐ Major ☐ Minor
- Additional Certification(s)

*Note: An additional application is required if applying for an additional certification.*

☐ English as a Second Language minor

☐ World Language minor

  - Indicate language: ☐ Chinese ☐ French ☐ German ☐ Hebrew ☐ Italian ☐ Latin ☐ Russian ☐ Spanish

  - Bilingual. Indicate language: ☐ Spanish ☐ Hmong ☐ Lao

**STUDENT SIGNATURE**

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