Early Adolescence – Adolescence (EAA)
Special Education 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
- UWM/MPS Internship Program: opportunity to learn while on-the-job teaching
- 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
- Passing Praxis I test scores

Program Structure: (See the 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 individuals to teach students with cognitive disabilities, emotional-behavioral disabilities, and learning disabilities in grades 6 through 12

Teacher Certification: This program leads to certification in Cross-categorical Special Education (DPI license subject 801) at the Early Adolescence to Adolescence level (grades 6-12)

Master’s Degree Option: Individuals can earn certification and a Master’s Degree through UWM’s program. Once accepted, if interested in the Master’s Degree Option apply to the Graduate School during your third semester

Praxis I Test: If you do not have an active 5-year Wisconsin Teaching License, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) requires that you pass the Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) prior to admission into a teacher certification program. The Praxis I is an assessment in the areas of reading, writing, and math. The current minimum passing scores for the Praxis I computer and paper-based subtests are as follows: Reading – 175 | Writing – 174 | Mathematics – 173. For more information visit: http://www.ets.org/praxis/
Typical Sequence of Courses for the TWO YEAR Certification Program in Early Adolescence to Adolescence (EAA) for Individuals with No Previous Education Certification

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SUMMER I</th>
<th>FALL I</th>
<th>SPRING I</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>YEAR I</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(  ) 3 EXCEDUC 605 Child, Learner, Disabilities</td>
<td>(  ) 3 EXCEDUC 587 Teaching Experience II &amp; Individualized Planning &amp; Instructional Methods</td>
<td>(  ) 3 EXCEDUC 587 Teaching Experience II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(  ) 3 CURRINS 643 Balanced Literacy Instruction</td>
<td>(  ) 3 EXCEDUC 635 Individualized Planning &amp; Instructional Methods</td>
<td>(  ) 3 EXCEDUC 636 Curriculum Accommodations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(  ) Praxis II: Middle School Content Knowledge test</td>
<td>(  ) 3 EXCEDUC 671 Behavioral Support &amp; Intervention for Middle/High Students with Disabilities</td>
<td>(  ) 3 EXCEDUC 680 Literacy I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Certification Credits</td>
<td>(  ) 1 EXCEDUC 486 Linking Seminar I ACT 31 Requirement</td>
<td>(  ) 1 EXCEDUC 489 Linking Seminar II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(  ) Wisconsin Reading Foundations Test (schedule to take at end of Spring I)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>10 Certification Credits</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>10 Certification Credits</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUMMER II</td>
<td>FALL II</td>
<td>SPRING II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>YEAR II</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(  ) 3 ED POL 530 Urban Education: Foundations or Alternate Course with Advisor Approval</td>
<td>(  ) 3 EXCEDUC 588 Teaching Experience III or EXCEDUC 771 Field Work (Master's only)</td>
<td>(  ) 3 EXCEDUC 662 Collaborative Strategies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(  ) 3 CURRINS 545 Reading in the Content Areas</td>
<td>(  ) 3 EXCEDUC 532 Assessment and Monitoring</td>
<td>(  ) 3 CURRINS 332 Teaching of Mathematics</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Certification Credits</td>
<td>(  ) 3 EXCEDUC 679 Critical Issues in Transition Planning</td>
<td>6 Certification Credits</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(  ) 1 EXCEDUC 496 Linking Seminar III</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

DPI CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

GPA Requirement: must earn a “C” or better in all courses with a 2.75 cumulative GPA required upon completion of program
Praxis II: the Middle School: Content Knowledge (0146/5146) test must be completed successfully
Wisconsin Reading Foundations Test: Successful completion required for licensure as of January 1, 2014
ACT 31: study of Wisconsin’s American Indian history, culture, and tribal sovereignty satisfies Human Relations Requirement

**Two Year Program is typically 48 credits**

Master's Degree Option: Once accepted to the certification program, students interested in this option will apply to the Graduate School in Spring I. Students begin taking courses for Graduate credit in Summer II or Fall II. Four additional core graduate courses are part of the 30 credit Master's Degree: EXCEDUC 715 Issues and Trends; EXCEDUC 770 Research in Special Education; EXCEDUC 815 Capstone Seminar; and EXCEDUC 890 Thesis/Project.

Application Process: The Post-Baccalaureate Application Packet can be found online at: www.exed.soe.uwm.edu. Submit a complete application by the deadlines specified in the application packet. Complete applications include:

- Passing Praxis I Scores
- Department of Exceptional Education Application and Checklist Form
- Official Transcripts
- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Two Recommendation Forms
- University of Wisconsin System Electronic Application

EAA applicants with complete applications are interviewed within two weeks after an application deadline. Applicants are notified of acceptance within 14 days of interview completion. Contact us or visit our website for more information.

Contact the Department of Exceptional Education: 414-229-5251
Visit the Department of Exceptional Education website: www.exed.soe.uwm.edu