

SPECIAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE LICENSURE PROGRAM

RIPON COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH

Complete your bachelor's degree right in your local community through the Collaborative Licensure Program in Special Education offered by the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and Ripon College. Meet your elementary licensure requirements through Ripon College and special education requirements through UW Oshkosh.

A teaching license in special education is a great opportunity for those who want to work with children and youths who have a wide range of disabilities. Ideal for both traditional and returning adult students, the program allows you to remain close to home while taking courses for licensure.

- General education and elementary education major courses completed at Ripon College
- Courses held via distance learning with some Saturdays at UW Oshkosh
- Initial and advanced practicum as well as student-teaching take place in surrounding school districts
- Small class sizes and cohorts allow you to get to know instructors and fellow students well
- Dedicated, experienced faculty with diverse educational and real-world experience
- Access to the UW Oshkosh library, technology resources, and academic support systems

AREAS OF LICENSURE

The program offers the following licensure option for undergraduate students:

- Cross Categorical Special Education (MC-EA) through UW Oshkosh
- Elementary Education (MC-EA) through Ripon College

LEARN MORE

To find out more about the program, contact Matthew Knoester, Ripon College associate professor of educational studies, at knoesterm@ripon.edu or Susan Finkel-Hoffman, UW Oshkosh interim director of outreach for the department of special and early childhood education, at finkel@uwosh.edu



CAREER PROSPECTS

Employment in the special education field is expected to increase faster than the average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Job prospects are excellent, with many districts reporting difficulty recruiting adequate numbers of licensed special education teachers.

The U.S. Department of Education reports the number of students with disabilities served under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act continues to increase at a rate higher than both the general population and school enrollment. In Wisconsin, there continues to be strong demand for special education teachers, and those with dual licensure in elementary education and special education.



COURSE SEQUENCE AT UW OSHKOSH

Semester 1—Fall

Spec Ed 370 Practicum (100 hours) (4 cr)

Spec Ed 353/553 Collaborative Approaches to Teaching Students with Communication and Motor Needs (3 cr)

Spec Ed 380/580 Inclusive Curriculum and Instruction (3 cr)

Spec Ed 406/606 Technology in Special Education (3 cr)

Semester 2—Spring

Spec Ed 370 Practicum (100 hours)

Spec Ed 381/581 Introduction to Behavior Management and Instruction (3 cr)

Spec Ed 414/614 Advocacy, Family Empowerment, and Special Education Law (3 cr)

Spec Ed 463/663 Teaching Student with Significant Disabilities (3 cr)

Spec Ed 470/670 Assessment for Special Education Eligibility (3 cr)

Semester 3—Fall

Spec Ed 401/601 Practicum (100 hours) (2 cr)

Spec Ed 471/671 Assessment for Program Planning in Special Education (3 cr)

Spec Ed 480/680 Research-based Instruction Strategies (3 cr)

Spec Ed 481/681 Advanced Behavior Management and Instruction (working more with individual students) (3 cr)

Semester 4—Spring

Student-teaching (9 weeks)

Seminar

WHERE DO SPECIAL EDUCATORS WORK?

Special educators work in many different environments. A small percentage of special educators work in private schools, residential facilities, hospitals and clinics, or in students' homes; the majority of special educators, however, work in the public schools. Within the schools, special educators work in a variety of settings, including self-contained classrooms, resource rooms, and general education classrooms. The UW Oshkosh and Ripon College Collaborative Licensure Program prepares teacher candidates to support their students in all of these settings.



ABOUT THE UW OSHKOSH COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Since 1871, the UW Oshkosh College of Education and Human Services has been a state leader in teacher education.

Graduates from our national accredited programs continue to set the pace for teaching innovation, education reform, and positive social change in a culture that is increasingly diverse.

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