

SOE Admission Application

Welcome to the School of Education Admission Application. Thank you for your interest in applying to the School of Education!

Upon completion, you will receive an email confirmation that you completed the survey. **Your survey is incomplete if you do not receive an email confirmation.** Please note that partially completed surveys will not be accepted. Please do not exit the survey by closing the survey tab. This will result in an incomplete application.

The application survey closes at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted except in extenuating circumstances – see the [SOE admissions webpage](#) for more information on how to request an exception.

Criminal Background Check: The WI Department of Public Instruction (DPI) requires that candidates for admission to a teacher education, administration, or pupil services program successfully pass a criminal background check (CBC) as one criterion for admission. By applying for admission to one of these programs, candidates agree to provide the necessary personal information to UWL in order to initiate their CBC, and to complete their portion of the process prior to the deadline specified in their admission letter. Teacher candidates are responsible for all costs associated with the criminal background checks. The current cost for a routine initial CBC is set by the vendor at **\$24**. Additional fees can apply for individuals who have lived in multiple states or countries, and the fee is subject to change at any time by the vendor. Admission decisions by programs are contingent upon a successful CBC clearance decision by the UWL Office of Field Experience.

iPad purchase: Teacher candidates who are admitted to the School of Education are required to have an iPad that meets SOE specifications. Once you are admitted to SOE, you will be provided information on how to purchase an approved iPad through the SOE iPad order survey. **The fee for the iPad is financial aid eligible and will appear on your tuition bill in the semester following admission to SOE.** Teacher candidates who purchase their own device outside of the SOE process and

without pre-approval do so at their own risk. Please contact SOE if you are seeking pre-approval for purchase of a device outside of this process. Currently, the cost for the latest version (10th generation) is set by the vendor at **\$569 (pre-tax)**, and may be higher depending on whether you select optional accessories. Please note that the cost is subject to change by the manufacturer/ vendor at any time.

Meeting the minimum admissions criteria is not a guarantee of admission. **Some programs are competitive, and resources limit the number of students who are admitted. Not all students who apply are admitted to the School of Education.**

Questions about the admissions process, criteria, or your eligibility for admission should be directed to your academic advisor. Questions about using the survey can be directed to Mackenzie Taylor at mtaylor2@uwlax.edu. Questions about the admission criteria should be directed to your admission committee chair:

- Art, World Language, and Music Education (AWLME) - Dr. Kim Morris (kmorris@uwlax.edu)
- Educational Studies (EDS) - Dr. J.C. Wagner-Romero (jwagner-romero@uwlax.edu)
- Physical, Adapted, and School Health Education (PASHE) - Dr. Brock McMullen (bmcmullen@uwlax.edu)
- Secondary Teacher Education Preparation (STEP) - Dr. Matt Chedister (mchedister@uwlax.edu)

Do you wish to complete the survey now and apply for admission?

Yes, I have read the above statement and wish to proceed with the SOE Admission Application

No, I would like to continue the survey at a later time.

I acknowledge that admission to the School of Education includes participation in the iPad program.

Yes, I agree to participate.

No, I do not wish to participate and wish to speak to someone in the SOE office about my concerns.

Please enter the following information:

First Name

Last Name

Middle Initial

Student ID (Starts with 2, can be found in WINGS)

Complete UWL Email

Phone (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Primary Academic Advisor

Please select your program area and major:

Program Area

Major

What semester do you plan to take Field I?

Spring 2025

Fall 2025

Spring 2026

Fall 2026

Later than Fall 2026

Have you previously applied for admission to SOE?

Yes

No

Students applying for admission to SOE in ECE or EME programs must meet minimum admission requirements. Please indicate whether you have satisfied the following minimum course work requirements:

- Hold sophomore standing
- Successful completion of EDS 203 with a grade of "C" or better
- Successful completion of EDS 206 with a grade of "C" or better
- Successful completion of EDS 308 with a grade of "C" or better
- Completion or concurrent enrollment in EDS 318
- Combined cumulative GPA (including transfer credits) of at least 2.75 (can request admission with a GPA waiver to satisfy this requirement; located later in application)

Yes, I meet these minimum requirements

No, I do not meet these minimum requirements

Please List your cumulative GPA:

NOTE: if your cumulative GPA is below a 2.75, including transfer credits, you MUST request an admissions waiver - located towards the end of the survey

(500 words maximum) Prepare a written response to answer the following prompt, and enter your statement in the text box provided below. Guidelines for responding to this prompt are available on the [SOE admissions webpage for EDS programs](#). This document should be uploaded below as a pdf file with the naming convention: **Lastname-Firstname-EDSWritingPrompt.pdf**

EDS Writing Prompt: (This prompt is drawn from the UWL School of Education Conceptual Framework and Definition of a Globally Responsive Educator):

The globally responsive teacher appreciates and values human diversity, shows respect for learners' varied talents and perspectives, and commits to the pursuit of excellence for all learners.

Consider the following questions in the development of your response:

- 1) *What does this statement communicate about teaching?*
 - a. *Make a claim stating your position*
 - i. *Answer the question*
 - ii. *Provide relevant background information*
- 2) *How would you identify evidence of the dispositions included in the statement?*
 - a. *Provide examples/evidence*
 - i. *Connect evidence to your claim*
 - ii. *Explain how your evidence supports your claim*
- 3) *How does this statement resonate with your beliefs about teaching or connect with the reason(s) you want to be an educator?*

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(200 words maximum) Describe your experience working with children, including ages of children and estimated hours of experience. Applicants are encouraged to specifically address experiences in structured settings in which they are/were responsible for the planning and/or implementation of programming for children, including volunteer and paid experiences prior to entering UWL and/or since entering UWL. **Include contact information for one reference who can speak about your experience.**

This document should be uploaded below as a pdf file with the naming convention: **Lastname-Firstname-EDS-ExperienceWithReference.pdf**

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Please complete the following section as you have indicated that your cumulative GPA is below a 2.75:

Applicants who have significant extenuating circumstances, that prevent them from meeting the GPA admission criterion (at least 2.75 combined cumulative GPA) may provide a request for consideration. This request should be uploaded below as a pdf file with the naming convention: **Lastname-Firstname-EDS-GPAwaiver-request.pdf**

1. Work with your advisor to craft a statement responding to the following prompts **(500 word maximum)**:

- What factors contributed to your current cumulative GPA?
- What support did you seek out to help you improve your coursework?
- Moving forward, what are your plans for improving your GPA?
- What are some special qualities or experiences you would bring to the classroom that we might not find with other applicants?

2. Contact information for one individual who can support your request for consideration and who can speak to your ability to be successful in the appropriate Educational Studies Department Teacher Education Program. Please include at minimum the following contact information, and indicate how the individual knows you:

- Name
- Phone
- Address
- Email

This contact information should be added to the end of the request for consideration letter. The **combined** document should then be uploaded using the link below.

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Is your academic advisor aware that you are requesting a GPA waiver?

Yes

No

I give permission for UW-La Crosse School of Education to share test scores and placement information with licensing agencies.

NOTE: If permission is not granted, the School of Education will be unable to provide information to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction or other state licensing agencies beyond initial Wisconsin endorsement.

Yes, please type your full legal name:

No

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK RELEASE FORM

I hereby authorize the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, School of Education, and Office of Field Experience to obtain criminal records about me from any source. I also authorize the Office of Field Experience to provide such records to third parties for the purposes of evaluating my application for acceptance into the School of Education and my teacher education program, and for release to the UWL Youth Protection Officer and/or their designee for the purposes of compliance with UWL Youth Protection Policies on working with K-12 youth on campus. I also understand that I may need to provide such information again prior to field experience, internship and/or student teaching. If I have been charged with, convicted of, pleaded guilty or no contest to, or forfeited bail for any criminal conduct under law or ordinance, and the nature of the charge or conviction is incompatible with the responsibilities of working in a K-12 setting, the School of Education and/or the Office of Field Experience reserve the right to deny admission into the teacher education program. Further, if I have been charged with, convicted of, pleaded guilty or no contest to, or forfeited bail for any criminal conduct under law or ordinance, and the nature of the charge or conviction is

incompatible with the responsibilities of working with K-12 youth on campus as determined by the designated campus authority, UWL and/or the Youth Protection Officer reserves the right to deny participation in activities involving K-12 youth on campus. I hereby acknowledge that during the course of my program I shall notify the Office of Field Experience as soon as possible, but no later than the day after the event occurs, when I have been convicted of any crime or have been or are being investigated by any governmental agency for any act or offense. I further acknowledge that if I fail to abide by this, the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, School of Education, and Office of Field Experience have the right to immediately terminate my participation in a field experience, internship, practicum or student teaching placement and/or request I meet with the Teacher Candidate Progress Review Committee. I hereby release such third parties and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, its agents, employees, and officers, including the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, School of Education, and Office of Field Experience from any liability that may arise from the disclosure of any information referenced by this form or from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, School of Education, and/or Office of Field Experience terminating me from an internship, practicum or student teaching placement as described in the immediately preceding paragraph or from any actions received by the Teacher Candidate Progress Review Committee. I hereby

also release such third parties and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, its agents, employees, and officers, including the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, School of Education, and Office of Field Experience from any liability that may arise from the disclosure of any information referenced by this form or from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, School of Education, and/or Office of Field Experience denying me participation in activities involving K-12 youth on campus. I understand that this form is in effect until my degree is completed at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, unless I revoke it in writing and provide such revocation to the Office of Field Experience. I further understand that if I choose to revoke this form, I may not be able to continue in my teacher preparation program.

If I do not grant the SOE permission to perform a criminal background check, I recognize that I will not be admitted to my teacher education program, which includes participation in professional coursework and clinical experience.

NOTE: Students who are scheduled to complete the online criminal background check will receive an email with instructions on how to do so within one month of receiving an admission letter to the School of Education and the aligned teacher education program.

I have read and understand the above authorization, acknowledgement, and release, and agree to the terms and conditions. *Please type your full legal name:*

I choose not to sign the release for a criminal background check. I understand that I will not be admitted to my teacher education program by selecting this option.

By signing this form, I testify that all application information provided to the School of Education on this application is true and accurate.

*Typing your name below will be the same as your signature.
Application will not be accepted without your signature.*