Special Education Undergraduate Certification Program Requirements

Liberal Studies and General Education and Additional Graduation Requirements – 40 credits

See: [www.education.wisc.edu](http://www.education.wisc.edu). Choose Academics>Undergraduate Students>Academic Programs: Special Education.

Other required courses that may be taken outside of the Professional Sequence – 12-15 credits

- RPSE 300 - Individuals with Disabilities, 3 cr. **Must be completed prior to entry into the program**
- Ed Psych 331 – Human Development Childhood through Adolescence, 3 cr. or Ed Psych 320 – Human Development in Childhood AND 321 – Human Development in Adolescence, 6 cr.
- Ed Psych 301 – Human Abilities and Learning, 3 cr.

> Courses above may be completed prior to admission to the program or during summer semesters. It is STRONGLY recommended that these courses be completed prior to student teaching (the third semester of the professional sequence).

Professional Sequence Year One

Semester 1- Fall- Junior- 14 Credits

- RPSE 330 Behavior Analysis, 3 cr.
- RPSE 466 Diversity in Special Education, 3 cr.
- RPSE 464 Diagnosis, Assess. & Instruct. Planning . . . , 4 cr.
- RPSE 402 Methods in Teaching Functional Skills, 1 cr.
- C & I 506 Strategies for Inclusive Schooling, 3 cr.

Semester 2- Spring- Junior- 17 Credits

- RPSE 465 Lang. & Reading Instruct. Planning for Students w/Dis., 4 cr.
- C & I 365 Teaching Mathematics in Inclusive Settings, 4 cr.
- C & I 374 General Educ Practicum & Instructional Planning for Diverse Learners, 5 cr.
- RPSE 473 Classroom Manag. For Students w/ Learning and Behav. Dis., 3 cr.

Testing Requirements Year One

Wisconsin Test of Basic Skills
Provide evidence in program application that you have met this requirement.

**When:** Prior to program admission.

Praxis II Exam (Middle School Content Knowledge)
Students must have minimum score of 146 to be eligible for a Wisconsin teaching license.


**When:** Take exam as soon as possible upon admission to the program. Students must have a passing score prior to beginning student teaching (3rd semester of the program.)

WFORT (Wisconsin Foundations of Reading Test)
Students must have a minimum score of 240 to be eligible for a Wisconsin teaching license.


**When:** Immediately after completion of RPSE 465 (summer after second semester in program).
Professional Sequence Year Two

Semester 3- Fall- Senior- 13 Credits

RPSE 477 Student Teaching: Learning and Behav. Dis. K-9, 10 cr.
RPSE 467 Student Teaching Seminar I, 2 Cr.
RPSE 403 Promoting Adolescent Lit. for Students w/Dis., 1 cr.

Semester 4- Spring- Senior- 16 Credits

RPSE 478 Student Teaching: Learning & Behav. Dis. 6-12, 10 cr.
RPSE 468 Student Teaching Seminar II, 2 cr.
RPSE 404 Methods in Teaching Sci. & Soc. Studies for Students w/Dis., 1 cr

Additional Graduation Requirements and DARS

See: www.education.wisc.edu. Choose Academics>Undergraduate Students>Academic Programs: Special Education.
To see a Degree Audit Report (DARS), go to:
https://registrar.wisc.edu/dars_student.htm

Testing Requirements Year Two

Tuberculin Skin (TB) Test
Students must have a negative TB test result before student teaching. TB tests are available at UHS. Save a copy of results for your records. If you have any questions, contact Ricki Benton at EAS at ricki@education.wisc.edu (608) 262-4918

When: TB test results should be submitted to Education Academic Services within 90 days before you begin student teaching. Most students have the test at the end of the 2nd semester of the program.

Ed TPA
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When: Preparation for and completion of the edTPA is incorporated into the 3rd and 4th semester student teaching and seminars. If you have any questions, contact: Nancy Molfenter molfenter@wisc.edu

Portfolio
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Apply for your teaching license at the end of the fourth semester of the program!

Step 1: Notify Education Academic Services that you plan to apply for your teaching license before the end of the fourth semester of the program. 
https://uwmadison.qualtrics.com/SE/?SId=SV_0PrtwPam ap4D7Uh

Step 2: Upon completion of student teaching, submit your license application to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction through their Educator Licensing Online system. See: http://www.education.wisc.edu/soe/pk-12-education/pathways-to-licensure/educator-licensing

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