

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION — K-9

Major | On-Campus and Online Delivery

Education Department

UW-Superior was founded as a teacher education college in 1893, and we remain committed to that strong heritage of innovation and quality in our education programs today. The early childhood, elementary, high school, and specialty area educator preparation programs each equip students to serve as educators who will make a lasting difference in the lives of their students. Teaching is one of the world's most impactful professions, and it can also be one of the most challenging and rapidly changing. Our faculty keep pace with these changes, teaching the latest instructional methods and best practices for supporting students' unique academic and social-emotional needs in diverse and inclusive classrooms.

Program

The quality, experience, support, and flexibility of the Elementary Education Major at UW-Superior is what makes this program stand out as a premier leader in education programs across the Midwest. The Elementary Education Major prepares students to teach grades K3-grade 9 and requires an Instruction Minor that is built into the four-year curriculum. The breadth of this licensure offers more opportunities for our graduates than many other states or institutions with narrower licensing bands. To expand students' learning experiences and employment opportunities, additional licensure options are also available in early childhood education, early childhood special education, and K-12 special education.

Eligibility for the Wisconsin K-9 teaching license requires that students successfully complete the K-9 Elementary Education major, the Instruction Minor, and Student Teaching. A grade of C must be earned in all major and minor courses (except for B requirements in T ED 200 and the pass requirement



in T ED 100). This license also requires candidates to complete and pass approved pedagogical knowledge assessments, Wisconsin Foundations of Reading Test or assessment, and content area knowledge assessment. Additional information may be found in the Academic Catalog or by reaching out to the UW-Superior Education Department at education@uwsuper.edu.

What You'll Learn

As an elementary education student at UW-Superior, you will begin working with children in local classrooms early in your program and throughout your coursework. Early and frequent exposure to a variety of hands-on educational experiences and classroom settings sets this program apart from many others. These practical classroom experiences are accompanied by thorough coursework that teaches best practices for instruction, classroom management, and supporting the social and emotional development of children.

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“I had really amazing teachers. One who was an inspiration. Going through my classes at UW-Superior, I've thought of him often. He was not only a teacher in the classroom, but a coach. He really embodied what it means to be a teacher – not just of academics, but of life.”

- Amanda Brahmer | Elementary Education

For questions or to arrange a tour, contact admissions | 715-394-8230

More information at uwsuper.edu/elementaryedu

Maximum Flexibility

Our elementary education program is the only 100% online Elementary Education Bachelor's degree offered by a public university in Wisconsin. With the ability to complete this entire degree either on-campus or online, students have ample flexibility to balance their responsibilities outside of school while completing their degree here.

Licensure

Our programs are designed to align with Wisconsin state licensure requirements. However, many students apply for licenses in other states, such as Minnesota and Michigan. We encourage students to check with their state's Department of Education to identify any additional licensure requirements.

Student Teaching

Students will complete a full semester of student teaching at the end of their degree and licensure program. Our Field Experience Coordinator will help identify a student teaching placement that aligns with the student's career goals.

All student teaching residency must take place within a 400-mile radius of UW-Superior. Exceptions may be requested in cases of military assignments with on-base American schools and in cases where the student teacher candidate is already employed as a teacher by a recognized international American school. These requests are considered on a case-by-case basis and should be made well in advance of the student teaching semester.



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