

In Fall 2007, the Department of Special Education started a new 36 credit MSE (masters) with links to cross-categorical licensure in special education grades 1-12. Because of the way WI Department of Public Instruction licensing works students are eligible for an additional LD license. All classes are at night during the spring and winter semesters. Summer classes are part of the program. Students who enroll in one or two classes per semester would matriculate in three years. Students who added more classes per semester could complete sooner.

Prerequisites are passing the PRAXIS I (PPST) and the PRAXIS II Content Exam (test # 0146). Here are the suggested enrollment steps:

1. Apply online to the Graduate School www.uww.edu Indicate you are interested in the MSE in Special Education. Cost is \$45.00
2. Visit the ETS test site (Google Educational Testing Service) to see when the PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II are offered next. You do not have to take these tests in any special order; (i.e., you can take the PRAXIS II first if you would like). The PRAXIS II is a test of Middle School Content that DPI requires of special educators. If you have not taught Middle School Math, Science or Social Studies, we strongly recommend buying the study guide (the website and Amazon has them).
3. Once your Graduate application is complete, the Graduate Coordinator receives your file electronically. Once your PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II scores are received she will be able to admit you into the Special Education cross categorical licensure program and assign you a special education advisor who will contact you. The two of you will sit down to develop your course of study. The PRAXIS tests are prerequisites for the Special Education courses you will need.
4. When you are a UWW student you will also need to apply for Professional Education Admission. Admission to professional education is required of the licensure courses you need. The website for Professional Education admission is as follows:
http://www.uww.edu/coe/admission/prof_ed_admin/requirements.html
Previously licensed teachers complete what is called the “Green Form”. A license cannot be an emergency, substitution, temporary license for this step. The license must be a valid, credentialed license.
Students pursuing first licensure must:
 - Attend a Phase 1 meeting
 - Pass the PPST (also required of your Cross Categorical MSE program)
 - Attend the Phase 2 meeting: Professional Education Orientation
 - Complete the Phase 2 portfolio evaluation by taking the one-credit EDFOUND 214 course
 - Verify 350 hours with learners
 - 2.75 GPA (also required of Graduate School)