

Intended Student Teaching Date (Semester I): _____

Intended Student Teaching (Semester II): _____

UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN
La Crosse
Cross-Categorical Special Education Program

Emphasis Designation Form

Candidate Name: _____ Date: _____

Special Education minor candidates are required to select one of the three high-incidence disabilities as an emphasis area by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Three area choices include:

- Cognitive disabilities (CD)
- Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (EBD)
- Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD)

In completing the special education minor at UW-La Crosse, you earn recommendation for a cross-categorical special education license (#801), which allows you to teach PK-12 students with any special education identification. Candidates must also complete the special education portion of their electronic portfolio to show attainment of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) professional standards relating to the emphasis area selected below.

Directions:

- 1) Mark the appropriate developmental range **and** emphasis area below. This information will be used to ensure your program experiences and verification for out-of-state inquiries, if applicable. You may choose to change your emphasis area at any time.
- 2) Indicate the semesters in which you intend to student teach (regular education and special education). Use your long range planner to determine this information. If you do not have a long range plan completed, make an appointment with your special education academic advisor.
- 3) To change information (emphasis area choice or student teaching semester dates), submit a new Emphasis Area form with the Special Education Program Director. It is the candidate's responsibility to update this information should a change occur.

Developmental age level:

_____ Middle Childhood-Early Adolescence (MC-EA)

_____ Early Adolescence- Adolescence (EA-A)

Emphasis Area:

_____ Cognitive Disabilities (CD)

_____ Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (EBD)

_____ Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD)