

Title II Report
UW-La Crosse
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Section 3 Attachment:

In accordance with the mission statement for professional education programs at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, the education faculty is committed to the preparation of professional educators who are equipped to meet the changing needs of today's schools and students. Graduates of UW-La Crosse professional education programs possess knowledge, skills, and dispositions which reflect extensive preparation in general studies, professional studies, specialty studies, and pedagogy. Graduates are committed to serving the youth of society, to the improvement of education, and to teaching as a profession.

Teacher education programs on the UW-La Crosse campus have articulated a shared conception of what professionals in their field should be: All professional educators exiting basic programs in teacher education will be thoughtful learners, leaders, inquirers, and community members.

Professional programs emphasize the need for career-long professional development. They foster respect for the dignity and diversity of learners in our society. They promote the value of reflective thought, creativity, and the generation of new ideas about professional practice.

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse offers programs in elementary education (grades 1-6), elementary/middle level education (grades 1-9), and middle level/secondary education (grades 6-12). K-12 programs are available in physical education, school health education, music, and art. Some minors available for teacher certification include early childhood education, instructional library media, and English as a Second Language. There is also a concentration in special physical education.

Based upon the 2001-02 Annual Report on the Employment Status of Graduates from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Career Services Office, 90% of UW-La Crosse teacher education graduates who responded to a request for information found employment related to their majors.