

Welcome to the Department of Educational Studies Admissions Application Survey. Upon completion, you will receive an email confirmation that you completed the survey.

**Your survey is incomplete if you do not receive an email confirmation. Please note that partially completed surveys will not be accepted. Please do not exit the survey by closing the survey tab. This will result in an incomplete application.**

**The application survey ends promptly at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2022. Late surveys will not be accepted.**

**Criminal Background Check:** The WI Department of Public Instruction (DPI) requires that candidates for admission to a teacher education, administration, or pupil services program successfully pass a criminal background check (CBC) as one criterion for admission. By applying for admission to one of these programs, candidates agree to provide the necessary personal information to UWL in order to initiate their CBC, and to complete their portion of the process prior to the deadline specified in their admission letter. Teacher candidates are responsible for all costs associated with the criminal background checks. The current cost for a routine initial CBC is set by the vendor at **\$24**. Additional fees can apply for individuals who have lived in multiple states or countries, and the fee is subject to change at any time by the vendor. Admission decisions by programs are contingent upon a successful CBC clearance decision by the UWL Office of Field Experience.

**iPad purchase:** Teacher candidates who are admitted to the School of Education are required to have an iPad that meets SOE specifications. Once you are admitted to SOE, you will be provided information on how to purchase an approved iPad through the SOE iPad order survey. **The fee for the iPad is financial aid eligible and will appear on the your tuition bill in the semester following admission to SOE.** Teacher candidates who purchase their own device outside of the SOE process and without pre-approval do so at their own risk. Please contact SOE if you are seeking pre-approval for purchase of a device outside of this process. Currently, the cost for the latest version (9th generation) is set by the vendor at **\$479**, and may be higher depending on whether you select optional accessories. Please note that the cost is subject to change by the manufacturer/vendor at any time.

Questions about the admissions process or your eligibility for admission should be directed to your advisor. Questions about using the survey can be directed to the School of Education office at 608-785-8706 or email [soe@uwlax.edu](mailto:soe@uwlax.edu).

Do you wish to complete the survey now and apply for admission to one of the following programs:

- **ECE** = Early Childhood Education (birth - grade 3),
- **EME** = Elementary/Middle Education (grades K-9),
- **EME-SPE** = Elementary/Middle Education (grades K-9) & Special Education (grades K-12),
- **EME-TSL** = Elementary/Middle Education (grades K-9) & TESOL (grades K-12),
- **EME-FRE** = Elementary/Middle Education (grades K-9) & French Education (grades K-12),
- **EME-SPA** = Elementary/Middle Education (grades K-9) & Spanish Education (grades K-12).

- ☐ Yes, I have read the above statement and wish to proceed with the DES Admissions survey.
- ☐ No, I would like to continue the survey at a later time.



Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Initial:

UWL Student ID:



Street Address:

2nd address (apartment etc.)

City:

State (2 digit Abbreviation i.e. WI):



Phone (XXX-XXX-XXXX):

Email Address (Complete UW-L email):

What semester do you plan to take Field I?

- ☐ Spring 2023
- ☐ Fall 2023
- ☐ Later than Fall 2023/I am not sure

Please list your cumulative GPA (NOTE: if your cumulative GPA is below a 2.85, you MUST request an admissions waiver - located towards the end of the survey)

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Please select the program that you are applying for:

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Please respond to the following prompt in 200 words or less:

What do you want to accomplish as a teacher?

Please describe your experience working with children including an estimated amount of experience hours and an age of children you worked with in less than 100 words. Experience includes paid work or volunteer prior to UW-L entrance and/or after UW-L entrance. Include one contact reference that can speak about your experiences and/or work. The DES admissions committee may wish to contact your contact references to verify your documentation.



***Please skip this section if you do not intend to request a GPA waiver and proceed to next question.***

Applicants who have significant extenuating circumstances, that prevent them from meeting the GPA admission criterion may provide a request for consideration. The request should be in a single document that must include:

1. A detailed letter documenting why the applicant should still be considered for admission. Documentation should include evidence to support the request for consideration, and
2. Contact information for one individual who can support the applicant's request for consideration and who can speak to the applicant's ability to be successful in the appropriate Department of Educational Studies Teacher Education Program. Please include at minimum the following contact information, and indicate how the individual knows the applicant:

Name

Phone

Address

Email

This contact information should be added to the end of the request for consideration letter. The combined document should then be uploaded using the link below.

Drop files or click here to upload



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Is your academic advisor aware that you are requesting a GPA waiver?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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If your advisor is aware that you are requesting a GPA waiver, did you work with your advisor to write your waiver letter?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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## CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK RELEASE FORM

I hereby authorize the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, School of Education, and Office of Field Experience to obtain criminal records about me from any source. I also authorize the Office of Field Experience to provide such records to third parties for the purposes of evaluating my application for acceptance into the School of Education and my teacher education program. I also understand that I may need to provide such information again prior to field experience, internship and/or student teaching. If I have been charged with, convicted of, pleaded guilty or no contest to, or forfeited bail for any criminal conduct under law or ordinance, and the nature of the charge or conviction is incompatible with the responsibilities of working in a PK-12 setting, the School of Education and/or the Office of Field Experience reserve the right to deny admission into the teacher education program. I hereby acknowledge that during the course of my program I shall notify the Office of Field Experience as soon as possible, but no later than the day after the event occurs, when I have been convicted of any crime or have been or are being investigated by any governmental agency for any act or offense. I further acknowledge that if I fail to abide by this, the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, School of Education, and Office of Field Experience have the right to immediately terminate my participation in a field experience, internship, practicum or student teaching placement and/or request I meet with the Teacher Candidate Progress Review Committee. I hereby release such third parties and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, its agents, employees, and officers, including the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, School of Education, and Office of Field Experience from any liability that may arise from the disclosure of any information referenced by this form or from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, School of Education, and/or Office of Field Experience terminating me from an internship, practicum or student teaching placement as described in the immediately preceding paragraph or from any actions received by the Teacher Candidate Progress Review Committee. I understand that this form is in effect until my degree is completed at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, unless I revoke it in writing and provide such revocation to the Office of Field Experience. I further understand that if I choose to revoke this form, I may not be able to continue in my teacher preparation program.

***If I do not grant the SOE permission to perform a criminal background check, I recognize that I will not be admitted to my teacher education program, which includes participation in professional coursework and clinical experience.***

NOTE: Students who are scheduled to complete the online criminal background check will receive an email with instructions on how to do so within one month of receiving an admission letter to the School of Education and the aligned teacher education program.

- ☐ I have read and understand the above authorization, acknowledgement, and release, and agree to the terms and conditions. Please type your full legal name.
- ☐ I choose not to sign the release for a criminal background check. I understand that I will not be admitted to my teacher education program by selecting this option.

By signing this form, I testify that all application information provided to the School of Education on this application is true and accurate. Typing your name below will be the same as your signature.

Application will not be accepted without your signature.



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**If you wish to re-enter and complete the survey, please do so before it ends at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2022.**

Admission decisions for complete surveys will be sent to applicants via email by the end of November/early December. Questions about the admissions process or timeline should be directed to your advisor. Questions about using the survey can be directed to Leah Davis at 608-785-8706 or [ldavis@uwlax.edu](mailto:ldavis@uwlax.edu).