

Sophomore Practicum

This is a unique opportunity for students to gain firsthand experience in the Special Education field. During this semester our students split their time between special education courses and field experiences, meaning each student spends time working with children with disabilities in school settings getting a feel for their future career.

The Sophomore Practicum semester will confirm for students their choice of Special Education as a major. It also gives more meaning to future coursework.

Here is what students had to say about their Sophomore Practicum:

“My experience in Sophomore Practicum made me believe that what I was doing was right.”

- Jeremy Millard,
Undergraduate Student



“What I liked most about the program was the amount of field experience it gives you.”

- Maria Halbach, Graduate Student

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The Department of Special Education

College Of Education and Human Services

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UW Oshkosh Special Education Department Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Special Education at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is to prepare traditional and nontraditional students to become caring professionals educated in research-based best practices for teaching individuals with disabilities in the changing environment of special education.



Why Choose Special Education?

Special Education offers you:

- ✓ A highly rewarding career
- ✓ Numerous professional employment opportunities
- ✓ A chance to make a difference in children's lives
- ✓ A collaborative profession that works with other caring service providers and family members

Why Select UW Oshkosh Special Education Teacher Program?

- ✓ UW Oshkosh Department of Special Education prepares more qualified special education teachers than any other college or university in Wisconsin
- ✓ Our courses lead to cross categorical licensure which expands employment prospects as the licensure encompasses learning disabilities, cognitive disabilities, and emotional/behavioral disabilities
- ✓ Dual programs offering licensure both in regular education and special education for either grades 1-8 or Pre-Kindergarten-grade 3
- ✓ Instruction provided by well-trained and dedicated faculty with diverse special education expertise
- ✓ Hybrid courses which combine regular classroom experience with online instructional and learning activities
- ✓ Students may complete the program as full-time or part-time students
- ✓ Flexibility to complete most courses at night and during summer

"They train you to be a professional."
Denise Huebner, Undergraduate Student



UW Oshkosh Special Education Program Consists of

- ✓ Hands on experience in local schools working with students with disabilities while applying course information
- ✓ An active student group, Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC)
- ✓ A variety of available scholarships
- ✓ Sophomore Practicum: A thorough introductory field-based semester that provides a great learning base for all future studies in the program.



Licensures Available Through UW Oshkosh Special Education Program

- ✓ **Special Education Cross Categorical (CD, ED, LD) Only** (Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence) (MC-EA/formerly grades 1-8) **and/or Early Adolescence through Adolescence** (EA-AD/formerly grades 6-12) (MC-EA & EA-AD recommended)
- ✓ **Dual: Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence** (MC-EA/formerly 1-8) **Regular Education with Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence** (MC-EA/formerly 1-8) **and Special Education Cross Categorical (CD, ED, LD)**
- ✓ **Dual: Early Childhood Regular Education with Early Childhood Special Education**