University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
Project ESTRELLA 2, Title III Grant
2012-2017

Graduate Application

Project ESTRELLA is a federal Title III grant available to educators pursuing bilingual and ESL graduate programs in teaching, counseling, and school administration. Funding is awarded to qualifying individuals in these fields who plan to work with minority language children, youth, and families. Candidates must make a commitment to seek employment in the schools of Wisconsin upon completion of the program. Priority will be given to the following candidates:

1. Individuals proficient in two or more languages pursuing graduate studies in teaching, counseling, or school administration
   (**Note**: A language proficiency evaluation is required for grant participation.)
2. Wisconsin licensed teachers pursuing add-on licensure in ESL and/or bilingual education

ESTRELLA grantees will be eligible for:

- Funding towards tuition
- Funding for travel to present at regional and national conferences
- Tutoring in various subject areas, as needed

Application Process

_____ 1. Complete and return the attached application

_____ 2. Submit the following items to the ESTRELLA Grant Office (N/E 203):

___ a. Transcripts from previous university/universities

i. Either unofficial or official transcripts will be accepted. (Unofficial transcripts must be copies of official transcript records.)

___ b. Two letters of reference

ii. Please attach two letters of reference from experienced teachers and/or administrators who are familiar with you and your work. Letters must signed by your respective references. In lieu of your letters, you may request that your Graduate Studies: Curriculum & Instruction recommendation forms to be sent to the Estrella Grant Office.

___ c. Copy of current Wisconsin teaching license(s)

___ d. Goal Statement

iii. Include a statement of your personal goals as a teacher/educator entering this program. Why do you seek certification in these fields, and what do you hope to accomplish?

_____ 3. Contact project co-directors of grant (Dr. Kathryn Henn-Reinke **hennrein@uwosh.edu** or Dr. Don Hones hones@uwosh.edu) to arrange for an interview

_____ 4. Apply to Graduate Studies and enroll in MSE: C & I (Master of Science in Education: Curriculum & Instruction) (required before grant money is applied to tuition).

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Name: _____ Student ID #:_____
Street Address:_____
City:_____ State:_____ Zip Code: _____
Phone:_____ Email:_____

IA. What license are you pursuing?
_____ESL _____Bilingual Education (specify language) _____

IB. What WI teaching license(s) do you already hold? _____
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IC. If you are not pursuing an ESL/bilingual teaching license, which graduate program are you pursuing?
____Reading Education ____Special Education ____Counselor Education
____Educational Leadership ____ Curriculum & Instruction ____School Administration

II. Citizenship: ____U.S. Citizen ____Permanent Resident ____Other

III. Educational Background. Please provide names of schools, dates of graduation and degrees earned (if any) below (attach additional sheets as necessary):

College:_____Years Completed:_____
Degree Earned:_____ Major/Minors/Certification_____
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IV. Experience. Please highlight below experience in the field of education, both work and voluntary (attach additional sheets as necessary):

Current Position & District: _____ Years:_____
Duties: _____

Position _____ Years:_____
Duties: _____

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Duties: _____

**Note: Students pursuing a bilingual teaching license must have an initial teaching license in one or more of the following areas: Early Childhood, Middle Childhood, Early Adolescence, Adolescence, or 6-12/9-12 Content Area.

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Grant Policies Regarding Student Performance and Responsibilities

Students receiving funding through the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Project ESTRELLA Grant are expected to meet rigorous academic achievement standards, and complete their course of study in a timely fashion. Following are some specific policies:

1. Acceptance into Master of Science: Curriculum & Instruction

An application to UW-Oshkosh Graduate School and MSE-C&I Program is to be completed separately. Please refer to following page for additional information regarding the completion of this application.

2. Academic Achievement

Graduate students receiving funding are expected to maintain a 3.5 average or better during each semester of their study at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. A student who is experiencing difficulty with courses, must make an appointment with one of the project co-directors, Dr. Don Hones or Dr. Kathryn Henn-Reinke, to discuss academic performance. Grades falling below these averages will jeopardize future funding for the student.

3. Professionalism

Project participants are expected to demonstrate high standards of personal integrity and professionalism in all interactions within and beyond the university community. All members of the staff including administrators, professors, program coordinators and fellow students should receive your highest respect and professional behavior.

4. Withdrawal

Students are expected to complete courses that they enter. Students who withdraw before the completion of a course(s) are required to repay that portion of grant funding. If any emergency requires a student to withdraw, the student must discuss the matter with one of the project co-directors.

As a participant of this project, I agree to the above policies and recognize that failure to meet these policies may result in dismissal from the grant/program.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Print Name _____

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Application to Graduate Studies

In addition to your application to Project ESTRELLA, you must also apply to the Graduate School at the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh for the Master of Science in Education (MSE) in Curriculum & Instruction. This process is separate from your application to Project ESTRELLA, and is required for you to be formally accepted into the program. In order to apply to the Graduate School, please visit the following website to locate and fill out the application online: http://www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies/future-students. There, you will find an option in the right corner of the page, stating "Apply Online." Please select this to begin and fill out the application.

As you complete the application, there are a few important details to note that will assist you in the process. When you are asked to indicate the type of student you are, you must indicate that you are "Degree-Seeking" for the MSE in Curriculum & Instruction. Do not select the option for students pursuing alternative certification or licensure, or your application will not be reviewed for completion by Graduate Studies. The Graduate School application will not mention or ask about Project ESTRELLA or the alternative licensure programs. During the application process, you will be asked to complete an Applicant Statement. In addition to the graduate school requirements for the Applicant statement, you will need to indicate the license(s) and/or certification(s) that you are pursuing through Project ESTRELLA in this statement.

The following outlines a short checklist of what you will need to provide to the Graduate School:

1. Completed application (Note: There is an application fee.)
2. Official transcripts from your previous university/universities
3. Copy of current Wisconsin teaching license
4. 3 letters of recommendation
    a. You may send these electronically or by mail. However, receiving them electronically is preferred. (These letters may also be used for your Project ESTRELLA application.)
5. Completed *Entrance Reflective Practitioner Electronic Portfolio Self-Assessment*
6. Once your application has passed initial review from Graduate Studies, you will receive an e-mail from the Curriculum & Instruction Department with regards to any missing items.

If you have additional questions regarding this process, please contact Graduate Studies at (920) 424-1223 or at gradschool@uwosh.edu.

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In order to be accepted into Project ESTRELLA, a personal interview is required. Applicants pursuing bilingual licensure will complete a portion of the interview in Spanish.

Students pursuing bilingual licensure will also complete a bilingual language fluency assessment. Register for this assessment (Elem/Sec 500 Bilingual Language Fluency Assessment) prior the semester during which you wish to complete the assessment.

Please call to schedule. ***Spanish – Dr. Kathy Henn-Reinke (920) 424-7249***
Hmong – Txerthoj Vang (920) 426 -1136
Other – Dr. Kathy Henn-Reinke (920) 424-7249

Mail this application to: Dr. Kathryn Henn-Reinke
UW Oshkosh
College of Education and Human Services, N/E 611
800 Algoma Boulevard
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Questions? Contact Dr. Kathy Henn-Reinke: hennrein@uwosh.edu or at (920) 424-7249
Contact Dr. Don Hones: hones@uwosh.edu or at (920) 424-7209

Website: http://www.uwosh.edu/estrella

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Interview Protocol

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Requirement Checklist

Reference Letters: _____ Yes _____ No

Transcripts: _____ Yes _____ No

Fluency Test: _____ Yes _____ No

If no, date of test _____
(Must be taken before acceptance letter is sent)

Goals: _____ Yes _____ No

Licensed in WI: _____ Yes _____ No

Presently teaching: _____ Yes _____ No
(No Emergency License) _____ Yes _____ No
(With Emergency License) _____ Yes _____ No

Enrolled at UWO _____ Yes _____ No

Certification: _____ ESL

_____ Bilingual Education (specify) _____

_____ Licensure currently held _____

Comments:

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Interview Protocol

NAME:_____**DATE:**_____

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS:
WI Teaching License Held:_____
From (College/University) _____
School District:_____ Grade Level/Subject: _____

BACKGROUND: **0 1 2 3 4 5**
What are the most valuable experiences that you have had that may help to prepare you to work with bilingual children and their families?

GOALS: **0 1 2 3 4 5**
What do you expect to accomplish by receiving this grant? What kinds of contributions do you think you could make the field of ELL?

What do you hope to be doing 3 years from now?

EXPECTATIONS: **0 1 2 3 4 5**
Do you understand the expectations of the grant?

Explain your commitment to the field of ESL/Bilingual education.

Can you commit to working for extended periods of time with a group of English language learners? Who would you be working with? How many hours per week?

ORAL INTERVIEW **0 1 2 3 4 5**

SPANISH INTERVIEW **0 1 2 3 4 5 (language rating)**

Accepted into ESTRELLA Program: _____ **Date:** _____
Interviewers: _____

Interview Decision: _____

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