



ESL/Bilingual Alternative Licensure Graduate Practicum Application

College of Education and Human Services
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

Due Dates*: November 1 (October 1 for traditional) May 1 (March 1 for traditional)

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Introduction

Traditional graduate student teaching applicants are students *seeking placement* in their particular licensure area(s) within a school setting. If the Office of Field Experiences is involved in procuring your ESL/Bilingual placement, the due dates will be March 1/October 1 to give us lead time for the placement process. **On-the-job** (OTJ) refers to applicants who are provisionally licensed and already teaching in the area in which they are seeking licensure. These applicants will be using their current job sites for their student teaching experience. OTJ students typically are not assigned a cooperating teacher, but are encouraged to have a mentor teacher in the building.

↔ **Criminal Background Check**

If you are not currently employed and are seeking a school field placement, proof of a current Criminal Background Check (CBC) must be provided with the application (Wisconsin Statute 165.82). To complete the process on campus, a \$8.00 fee is paid at the Cashier's Office in Dempsey Hall and the receipt must be attached to the front of your application. The CBC will be run by our College and examined by a Review Team designated by the Dean if deemed necessary. If you are an (OTJ) candidate you will not be required to submit a CBC as your employer would have managed that as an aspect of the hiring process.

↔ **TB Test**

It is assumed that you either have a state-mandated TB test on file in your school district or that you have had a TB test while enrolled in the teacher preparation program at UW Oshkosh. If this is not the case, a TB test must be conducted and results provided with your application.

↔ **Praxis II Exam**

A content knowledge assessment (ETS Praxis II exam) is required for certification by the Department of Public Instruction. Candidates must demonstrate a passing score on the appropriate exam to be eligible for student teaching. If your add-on certification requires a Praxis II exam, the **passing results must be attached to your application**. The test number for ESL students is 0360. Please go to the Educational Testing Service website (ets.org/praxis) for more information.

↔ **Registration**

Register for Elem/Sec 794 Practicum for 1 credit.

↔ Graduate students in the ESTRELLA weekend cohort generally register in class for student teaching during the second semester of the program (for student teaching the following spring).

↔ **Portfolio**

The Department of Public Instruction requires that each student shall have a **portfolio** with evidence that the Ten Wisconsin Teaching Standards have been met. To review the standards, go to <http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/stand10.html>. For add-on certifications this portfolio should demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of the Teacher Standards related to your new licensure area. Instructions on this requirement are attached to this application.

↔ **Fluency Assessment**

Students must register for, and successfully complete, Elem/Sec Ed 500, Bilingual Language Fluency Assessment, prior to student teaching. See Dr. Kathryn Henn-Reinke for details.

↔ **Application Materials**

Submit both copies of the application and Praxis II scores to the Director of the Estrella Program by the due date.



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Name _____
Last First Previous Name (if any) Student I.D.

Address _____
Street City ZIP Phone

Email address _____

***SECTION A ON-THE-JOB CANDIDATE INFORMATION:**

1. For which semester are you applying? _____ Fall _____ Spring _____ Year
2. Licensure/s you are seeking: _____ ESL _____ Bilingual
Are you part of the Estrella Cohort? _____ Yes _____ No
3. What grade levels are you seeking? ESL: _____ EC _____ EC-MC _____ MC-EA _____ EA-A
Bilingual: _____ EC _____ EC-MC _____ MC-EA _____ EA-A
4. Are you an emergency-licensed teacher? _____ Yes _____ No
5. Do you have other special or regular education licenses? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please specify: _____
6. Will this be on-the-job student teaching? _____ Yes _____ No
If no, complete Section B

Print the name of your building administrator, school and district here:

Administrator's Name _____

School/District _____

Signature of School Administrator: _____

Name _____

Praxis II: (Include a copy of scores with this application).

Test Number of Praxis II exam taken _____ Score _____

Fluency Assessment completed? Yes _____ No _____

I hereby apply for admission to graduate/undergraduate student teaching for the purpose of fulfilling the professional requirements for Wisconsin State teaching licensure. I am aware of all prerequisites for graduate student teaching and have met them. I agree to pay, if required, the out of area fee for placements outside of the UW Oshkosh Service Region.

Signature

Date

Return completed application materials to Dr. Kathryn Henn-Reinke, Director, Project ESTRELLA II
UW Oshkosh, 800 Algoma Blvd. N/E 614 Oshkosh, WI 54901. Fax 920-424-0858.