Transfer Agreement & Memorandum of Understanding from UW Oshkosh to Ripon College
Program Title: Cross Categorical MC-EA Special Education Licensure Only

This agreement represents a transfer agreement between the special education licensure only program in the College of Education and Human Services at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and Ripon College. This licensure only program allows teacher candidates enrolled in Ripon College’s elementary education (MC-EA) program to enroll in the special education licensure only program at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. These candidates, along with other candidates seeking special education licensure at the post-baccalaureate level, meet their licensure requirements through the currently approved special education program at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Undergraduate students participating in this program remain enrolled as full-time students at Ripon College and receive their Bachelor’s Degree and Elementary Education license endorsement from Ripon College. UW Oshkosh will endorse their application for Special Education licensure. The program is designed to meet the needs of K-12 districts in Central Wisconsin to hire teachers who are licensed in special education.

Ripon College agrees to:

1. Gain appropriate internal approvals for all credit course equivalencies for the special education courses to be offered by UW-Oshkosh.
2. Ensure that all licensure requirements, including portfolio review, are met for MC-EA regular education licensure.
3. Endorse candidates meeting all elementary licensure requirements through DPI.
4. Process all course registrations in the program through the Department of Special and Early Childhood Education Office at UW-Oshkosh and through the Educational Studies Department and Registrar at Ripon College.
5. Coordinate room assignment and access to appropriate instructional technology for candidates during the time the courses are offered.
6. Include the availability of the dual licensure in elementary education and special education option in all Educator Preparation Program marketing material.
7. Promptly pay for services provided once invoiced at the rate of $313 per credit per student.
8. This agreement will be reviewed annually.
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh agrees to:

1. Officially enroll Ripon candidates in UW Oshkosh courses and provide Ripon College with transcripts for each student, each semester upon request for UW Oshkosh transcript to be sent to Ripon College by students.
2. Provide courses for candidates at Ripon in an online format, with some courses requiring Saturday sessions in Oshkosh, plus an initial orientation session.
3. Provide supervision for all practica and student teaching experiences in special education in this program.
4. Ensure that all licensure requirements, including portfolio review, are met for MC-EA special education licensure as determined by both institutions.
5. Endorse candidates meeting all special education requirements through DPI.
6. Provide Ripon College with marketing materials explaining the collaborative UW Oshkosh dual licensure program.
7. Review the program agreement annually with Ripon College to ensure that needs are being met, to make improvements to the program, and decide to continue or end the program.
8. Establish a cohort each academic year based on enrollment from Ripon College, St. Norbert College, and Northland College. Continue the program so that enrolled students from Ripon College can complete it, even if there is attrition from the cohort or if both institutions (Ripon College and UW Oshkosh) decide to terminate this program.

Tuition and Billing

UW Oshkosh will invoice Ripon College each semester at the rate of $313 per credit per student participating in the program.

Special Considerations and Program Requirements:

1. Candidates beginning coursework through UW-Oshkosh must have a minimum GPA of 2.75, must pass PRAXIS I/CORE, PRAXIS II – Middle school content, & FORT. EdTPA will be completed in elementary education placement as per Ripon College’s requirements.
2. UW-Oshkosh will offer the following courses for licensure only (courses follow the semester schedule at UW-Oshkosh):

   Semester 1:
   Spec Ed 353 – Coll Appr to Tchg St with Comm and Motor Needs (3 credits)
   Spec Ed 370 – Practicum in Special Education (100 hours) (3 credits)
   Spec Ed 380 – Inclusive Curriculum & Instruction (3 credits)
   Spec Ed 406 – Technology in Special Education (3 credits)

   Semester 2:
   (continue with Spec Ed 370 Practicum Experience for an additional 100 hours)
   Spec Ed 381 – Introduction to Behavior Management and Instruction (3 credits)
   Spec Ed 414 – Adv, Family Empowerment & Spec Ed Law (3 credits)
   Spec Ed 463 – Teaching Students with Significant Disabilities (3 credits)
   Spec Ed 480 – Research-based Instructional Strategies (3 credits)

   Semester 3:
   Spec Ed 401 – Advanced Practicum Experience (100 hours) (2 credits) – not in candidate’s area of emphasis
Spec Ed 470 – Fundamentals in Special Education Assessment (3 credits)
Spec Ed 471 – Assessment for Program Planning in Special Education (3 credits)
Spec Ed 481 – Adv Behavior Management & Instruction (3 credits)

Semester 4:
9-week Student teaching in special education in area of emphasis such as LD, EBD, or CD (the other 9 weeks to be completed in Elem Ed with Ripon College faculty).

3. Student teaching considerations - Six credits of student teaching and seminar will be completed through UW - Oshkosh, by UW Oshkosh supervisors, using UW - Oshkosh forms and syllabi. This experience will be completed during the second 9 weeks of the semester. The edTPA will be completed in each candidate’s first placement, under the supervision and processes required by Ripon College.

Effective Date of this agreement: September 1, 2017. This agreement will be reviewed annually by parties from UW Oshkosh and Ripon College.

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