

Frequently Asked Questions

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Past experiences may count toward clinical requirements. The program director may award up to 30 hours of experience in the elementary certification program. This determination is based on a variety of factors. Please contact the program director if you have a specific question about a past experience.

Applicants accepted into the elementary certification program may begin work on the clinical requirements prior to the start of program coursework! Consider enrolling in the cohort early to take full advantage of this opportunity!

I have had some experience working with school age children. Can I apply that to my student teaching?

No. All student teaching experiences are arranged by the program director, are conducted at sites selected by the School of Education, and are supervised by certified teachers and university personnel.

My grade point average was low in my previous college experience. Will this affect me at Concordia?

It is possible this will adversely affect you. A G.P.A. of 2.75 or better is required for admission into the traditional and adult accelerated certification programs. Concordia will only accept transfer credits from classes with a C- or better. Also, you must achieve a grade point average of 2.75 or above to be eligible for a Wisconsin license.

Where can I take the PPST?

The Prometric Testing Center in Madison, phone number 608.231.6270 (other test locations are available at www.ets.org). Please have the scores sent to Concordia University Wisconsin – Madison (code 9038). An official score report must be sent to the university; photocopied versions are not acceptable.

How do I know when classes are offered for each semester?

You will receive an official schedule with your acceptance materials. The program coordinator will advise you in terms of when and how to register. It is your responsibility to create your class schedule and register in a timely manner. The program coordinator will assist you with registration questions.

Courses are offered in a cohort format.

Can I get financial aid?

Although you may be eligible for student loans, aid such as grants and scholarships are not available to people who already have a bachelor's degree. The Financial Aid Office should be contacted for information regarding student loans (262-243-4569).

I want to be a Lutheran teacher. Will I be eligible for the church work scholarship?

The accelerated elementary certification program will not prepare one to be a certified Lutheran (LCMS) teacher. A separate colloquy program is available at the mail campus in Mequon if one wishes to earn that certification. Again, student loans may be available, but scholarships and grants are not available to people who already have a bachelor's degree.

Can I attend classes part time?

The cohort model is an accelerated program with classes occurring one night each week. Although this is considered "part time," participants should budget four hours of outside study and preparation time for each hour of time spent in class. During the student teaching semester, however, full-time attendance is required.

Will I get another bachelor's degree?

No. You will only be completing the classes required by the Department of Public Instruction for a teaching license.

Contact Information

For information on the post-baccalaureate accelerated programs, please contact the appropriate person:

Post-baccalaureate accelerated **secondary and elementary** teacher certification program at the Madison site

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Post-baccalaureate accelerated **elementary** teacher certification program on the Mequon campus
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For information about Teacher Certification through graduate studies contact:

Secondary Certification (Grades 6-12)

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