CERTIFICATION-ONLY ART EDUCATION STUDENTS

If you have already completed an MFA, BFA, BS, or BA in Art or Design but desire to obtain a Wisconsin k-12 teaching license and teach art in public schools, UW-Madison’s Art Education Certification-Only Program is the right path for you. Follow these steps to get started:

- Email Dr. Mary Hoefferle, the Art Education Program Director, at hoefferle@wisc.edu to set up a day and time to review your transcripts via phone or face-to-face, and to develop a program plan tailored to your academic needs that ensures your compliance with Wisconsin’s Department of Public Instruction licensure requirements.

- Generally, our certification-only students have met most of our program's studio, aesthetics, art history, and general education requirements through their undergraduate degrees but need experience and background knowledge in education and art education studies. Certification-only students typically have not met the following state licensure requirements and devote three semesters (or two semesters and two summers) to complete the program:

  **SPRING (or Summers)**
  - Ed Psych 301 Human Abilities and Learning (3 credits)
  - Ed Psych 320, 321 or 331 Human Development (3 credits)
  - C& I 305 Reading and Other Language Arts or C&I 503 Literacy Across the Curriculum (3 Credits)
  - Ed Policy 412 History of American Education or Ed Policy 300 School and Society (3 credits)
  - Other studio or art history deficiencies

  **FALL**
  - Art Ed 323 Elementary Methods (3 credits) - Fall Only
  - Art Ed 324 Secondary Methods (3 credits) – Fall Only
  - Art Ed 470 and 493 Practicum (6 credits) - Fall Only
  - C&I 506 Inclusive Schooling (3 credits)

  **SPRING**
  - Art Ed 423 Elementary Student Teaching (6 credits) – Spring Only
  - Art Ed 424 Secondary Student Teaching (6 credits) – Spring Only
  - Pass edTPA (Teacher Performance Assessment)

- You will need to formally apply to the University of Wisconsin-Madison through our Admissions Office at http://www.wisc.edu/admissions/
  a. Contact Wyl Schuth, an academic advisor in the Education Academic Services office, at wyl.schuth@wisc.edu He will walk you through the application process. Be sure to tell him when you wish to begin taking classes – spring, fall or summer term.
  b. Follow all the directions by completing the on-line application, submitting official high school and college transcripts, essays, letter of recommendation, official test scores (ACT, SAT, or Praxis Core), and application fee.
• At the same time you are applying to UW-Madison, also apply to the Art Education Program.
  o Eligibility requirements:
    ▪ Completed a minimum of 6 aesthetics/art history credits + 20 studio credits
    ▪ Meet ONE of the following basic skills requirements:
      • Cumulative GPA of 2.75 based on the last 60 credit rule
      • ACT: Earned a composite score of at least 23, with minimum scores of 20 on English, Math and Reading within the last 10 years.
      • SAT: Earned a composite score of 1070, with minimum scores of 450 on Math and Reading within the last 10 years.
      • Praxis Core Academic Skills Assessment: passing scores on at least two of three sections. Reading 175, Writing 174, Math 173 (scores must be from within the last ten years). Visit the Education Testing Services site for test dates and times: https://www.ets.org/praxis
      • CGRE: Composite score of 298 with minimum score of 150 on verbal and 145 on math (scores must be from within the last 10 years).

  o If all eligibility requirements are met, click on this link, to complete and submit the web application to the Art Education Program. Be prepared to include these digital materials with the application:
    ▪ Transcripts for all college-level coursework.
    ▪ Submit scores for ACT, SAT, GRE or Praxis Core.
    ▪ Images of your artwork: Submit 8-10 high quality images that best represent your skills, knowledge, and interests in art. Formats: a URL if you have a website with images, a power point presentation or PDF with digital images and titles.
    ▪ A written statement (maximum of two pages, single spaced), addressing your experiences relevant to art and art education. The written statement will be reviewed for clarity of communication and quality of writing as well as depth and variety of life experiences relevant to art and teaching. As suggestions, students may want to choose one or more of the following topics to address in the statement:
      • How or why did you choose to pursue a career in art education?
      • What experience do you have working with children and/or diverse populations in formal programs or informal settings?
      • What leadership roles (paid/volunteer) helped you prepare for a career in art education?
      • What is your professional involvement in fine arts, design, community arts, or art curriculum development?
      • Did you conduct research, publish articles or pursue travel related to art education?

  o Notification of Admission into the Program
    ▪ The EAS Student Status Examiner and Art Education faculty will review program application materials. EAS will notify you of official admission into the Art Education Program via email.
    ▪ The offer of admission will specify a deadline for the acceptance of this offer. Please, respond to EAS by this date; if you don’t, you forfeit your position in the program.
    ▪ Admission is not final until EAS receives the acceptance and eligibility is confirmed through spring semester grades.
    ▪ Criminal background checks will be run on all students at admission. Applicants must also complete a disclosure statement.

  o Financial Aid
    ▪ Please, make an appointment to meet with a financial aid officer to review your options.
    ▪ Typically, certification-only students returning to school for teacher certification (EDCS classification) will be considered for a Federal Direct Loan (up to $7,500 for dependents and $12,500 for independents) and Federal Work Study (based on 2016 tuition).

If you have any questions, contact Dr. Mary Hoefferle at hoefferle@wisc.edu Art Education Program Director, at 608 772 7016.