CERTIFICATION-ONLY ART EDUCATION STUDENTS

If you have already completed an MFA, BFA, BS, or BA in Art or Design and seek a Wisconsin k-12 teaching license and preparation for art education careers in public and private schools, UW-Madison’s Art Education Certification-Only Program is the right path for you. To get started, follow these steps:

- Email the Undergraduate Art Education Program Director Dr. Mary Hoefferle at hoefferle@wisc.edu to schedule a time to review your transcripts and develop a program plan tailored to meet your academic needs and the Wisconsin’s Department of Public Instruction licensing requirements. Generally, certification-only students have met most studio, art history, and general education requirements through their undergraduate degrees, but need field experience and background knowledge in art education studies. Certification-only students typically have not met the following requirements and devote two-to-three terms to complete them:

**SUMMER, FALL or SPRING TERMS**
- Ed Psych 301 *Human Abilities and Learning* (3 credits)
- Ed Psych 320, 321 or 331 *Human Development* (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 ONLY**
- 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 ONLY**
- 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)

- Next, apply to the University of Wisconsin-Madison through our Admissions Office.
  - Any student who has already completed a bachelor’s degree, applies as a “second degree student”. For directions, use [this link](#).
  - Depending on when you wish to begin your program, application deadlines are **October 1** and **March 1**.
    - Complete the [on-line application](#), and be ready to submit official high school and college transcripts, essay/statement of purpose, letter of recommendation, and application fee.
    - When answering “Reason for Applying”, check the box “Undergraduate, Certification, Certificate.” This indicates your student status as an “Education Special Student” (EDS).
o If you have any questions with the UW System application, contact Katie Seibel, Admissions Counselor at katie.seibel@wisc.edu

- At the same time you apply to UW-Madison, apply to our Art Education Program.
  o In addition to a completed undergraduate degree in art or design, make sure you 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.
    ▪ 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 To apply, click on this link, and scroll down to complete and submit the application to the Art Education Program by the priority deadline, which is February 1 (applications submitted between 2/1 and 4/1 will still be considered, however). Be prepared to include these materials with the application:
    ▪ Transcripts for all college-level coursework (I know-- it’s redundant 😒).
    ▪ Submit scores for ACT, SAT, GRE or Praxis Core if GPA is not above 2.75.
    ▪ Submit 8-10 high quality, digital images of your artwork that best represent your skills, knowledge, and interests in art. Formats: a URL if you have a website with your art images 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. More details online.

- Notification of Admission into the Program
  o The Student Status Examiner and Art Education faculty will review program application materials.
  o The Status Examiner will notify you of official admission into the Art Education Program via email.
  o 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.
  o A criminal background check will be run at this time, and applicants complete a disclosure statement.

- Once you have been accepted into UW-Madison and the art education program:
  o Your student status changes from EDS to “Education Certification Special” or EDCS, making you eligible to apply for financial aid. So...
  o Make an appointment to meet with a financial aid officer to review your options. Typically, certification-only students returning to school for teacher certification will be considered for a Federal Direct Loans and Federal Work Study.
  o If you would prefer to begin taking classes during summer term rather than fall or spring semester, email OnWisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu with a request to change your enrollment date to summer term. Write “Term Change Request” in the subject line.
Pick up your student ID (WISC card) at Union South, which gives you access to recreation facilities, libraries, reduced rate bus passes, etc. Go begin the next great phase of your life!

If you have any questions, contact Dr. Mary Hoefferle at hoefferle@wisc.edu or call 608 772 7016.