About This Program

Those working with elementary/middle school students understand the complex educational issues involving children. In this program, acquire skills to help students learn by providing individualized instruction under the supervision of a licensed teacher. Provide support with reading, writing, math and science; develop strategies to guide young children's behavior; and gain skills to work with children with special needs.

What Makes This Program Unique

• Practice learned skills in K-12 settings throughout the program. Area public school sites provide practicum experience in the third and fourth semesters.
• Earn embedded credentials in Inclusion and Instructional Strategies along the way as you complete your degree.
• Engage in Education Club to accelerate and advance your learning, and develop leadership and service skills.
• While graduates are hired to work in pre-kindergarten through high school classrooms, the focus of the program is to prepare students to work in elementary and middle schools.
• The Foundations of Teacher Education program provides a solid base for those who want to take their career a step further to earn a bachelor’s degree and become a licensed teacher.

Career Salaries

$21,000 – $35,000 annually

Salary range calculated as the 25th to 75th percentile of all wages for related occupations in Waukesha County as reported by Economic Modeling Specialists International (EMSI). Program graduate wages may vary based on experience, industry, location and specific job requirements.

Potential Careers

• Para-educator
• Instructional Assistant
• Special Education Para-professional
• Early Education Teacher
• Teacher Assistant

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