



Transfer Guide: Special Education

Admission to UW-Stevens Point

- **Application Procedure**

To apply to UW-Stevens Point as a transfer student, complete the UW System admission application form. You may apply online at <https://apply.wisconsin.edu/>.

- Request that your official transcripts be forwarded directly to the UWSP Admissions Office from both your high school and any colleges or universities you have attended.

While there is no deadline for applying to the University, early application is recommended because UW System enrollment management efforts may require us to limit our enrollment.

- **General Admission Requirements to the University**

Students from Nicolet College who will have earned 54 or more credits by the time they transfer to UWSP are generally eligible for admission with a grade point average of 2.00 or higher. If you will have earned fewer than 54 transfer credits by the time you transfer, you will need to meet the admission requirements in effect at the time your application file is complete. For more information go to <https://www.uwsp.edu/admissions/Pages/default.aspx>.

Please note that admission to the University does not guarantee admission to major or the Professional Education Program.

- **When Should You Transfer?**

Nicolet College students interested in a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Early Childhood Education at UWSP may remain at Nicolet College for three to four semesters, depending on course availability. Please work with the advisors at both Nicolet College and UW Stevens Point School of Education as some courses are not offered every semester.



School of Education
College of Professional Studies
University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

Admission to the Professional Education Program

Students with majors in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Special Education must be admitted to this Program to register for upper-level Early Childhood, Education, and Teaching Methods courses.

Formal application to the Professional Education Program must be made. Deadlines: September 22 and February 22. Applications will be accepted up to the deadline. Late applications will be processed during the subsequent application period. Only students who meet all criteria listed below are eligible to apply. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the deadline to apply will be the Friday prior to the deadline. Transfer students who meet these requirements are encouraged to apply prior to transferring to UWSP.

Applications and questionnaires are available in the School of Education (SOE) Advising, Recruitment and Retention Office, Room 469 College of Professional Studies or at the UWSP School of Education website (<http://www.uwsp.edu/education/Pages/CurrentUndergrad/UndergraduateAdvise/appRequire.aspx>).

Unofficial copies of transcripts from ALL post-secondary institutions must be attached to the application, along with the completed questionnaire, which is attached to the application, and letter proving admission to UWSP, if not currently enrolled at UWSP.

Minimum Application Requirements for the Professional Education Program

To apply for admission to the Professional Education Program, all requirements must be met, and passing scores submitted to the SOE Advising, Recruitment and Retention Office no later than the deadline. Requirements may change at any time. Please check out our website for a list of Professional Education Program requirements:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/education/Pages/CurrentUndergrad/UndergraduateAdvise/appRequire.aspx>

We recommend the following:

- Pre-Professional Interview – take one semester prior to applying to the Program. Call the School of Education Advising, Recruitment and Retention Office, 715-346-2040, to set up your appointment, which may be done by phone. We are open Monday-Friday, 7:45-11:30 and 12:30-4:30.
- Take Communication 101 OR Education 205 OR the transfer equivalent at your campus (801-198 or 810-201 are the Nicolet College equivalent courses), during your freshman year. One of these must be completed PRIOR to applying to the Program.
- Earn an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher (this includes all courses that transfer to UWSP).
- Transfer students are encouraged to apply to the Program one semester PRIOR to attending UWSP, if all requirements are met by the appropriate deadline.
- Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education majors are urged to apply as soon as they have completed 24 credits.
- Enrollment caps: NONE

UW-Stevens Point Teacher Certification Requirements

- * Denotes courses not directly equivalent to UWSP requirement, but acceptable in lieu of requirement for this major.
- "P" in front of a course number indicates that student must be accepted into the Professional Education Program in order to enroll in the course if taken at UWSP.
- Students will be licensed in "Cross Categorical Special Education" as well as one or two "areas of specialization: Cognitive Disabilities, Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities and/or Learning Disabilities." A variety of developmental ranges are available. Please see "Areas of Specialization" below. This major is only available as a Bachelor's of Science Degree.

Many of the following courses meet both UWSP General Education Program Requirements and Department of Public Instruction requirements.

Foundation Level of General Education Program: This level must be completed no later than 60 credits (except Math 338 and Math Ed 228/229 and 338/339).

First Year Seminar (FYS): 3 credits required

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
Any FYS course	None – NOTE: If you do not take a FYS class during your freshmen year OR if you transfer in 30 credits or more, you will not take a First Year Seminar, but must take an additional course from the "Investigation" level - which will be covered with your major courses.

Written Communication: 3-6 credits required

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
English 101 and 202	Com Skills/English 801-195 OR 801-219 (ENGL 101) and Com Skills/English 801-223
or English 150	None

Oral Communication: 3 credits required

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
Communication 101	Com Skills 801-198 OR Speech 810-201

Quantitative Literacy: **only Math 228 meets the "Quantitative Literacy" Requirement, but all are required in the major - see below

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
Math 90 (if needed)	Math 804-107 OR 804-110 OR 804-114, OR 804-115 (if needed)
Math 95 (if needed - pre-req. for Math 228 at UWSP)	Math 804-116 OR 804-118, OR 804-195 OR 804-197 OR 804-220 (if needed)
**Math 228 (pre-req. for Math 338 at UWSP) - 3 credits	** Math 804-227
Math Ed 228 (pre-req. for Math Ed 338 at UWSP) - 1 credits	None

Math 338 - 3 credits	Math 804-237
Math Ed 338 - 1 credit	None

Wellness: 1 credit required

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
Wellness elective - 1 credit	Any course that transfers to UWSP as a "Wellness"

Investigation Level of General Education Program: 21 credits will count towards this level. All courses listed are required for the major

Arts: 3 credits required

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
"Arts" elective - 3 credits	Any course that transfers as an "Arts" course.

Humanities: 3 credits required

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
Select one: English 211, 212, 213, OR 214	Any literature course that transfers as a "Humanity"*

Historical Perspectives: 3 credits required

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
History 176, 177 OR 278	History 803-214 OR 219 OR 240

Social Sciences: 6 credits required

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
Human Development 265 OR Psychology 260 (pre-req. for ECE 262)	ECE 307-179 OR Social Science 809-160 OR 809-188 OR Social Science 809-255
Psychology 110 (Pre-req. to Psych 260)	Social Science 809-198 (does not transfer as Psych 110 but we will use this course as Psych 110 for this major) OR Social Science 809-251

Natural Sciences: 9 credits required for major (only 6 credits may count in the "Investigation Level")
Choose one from each area: Physical, Earth and Life.

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
Physical Science: (choose one from this area)	
Astronomy 100	Any Astronomy course that transfers as a "Natural Science"*
Chemistry 100	Any Chemistry course that transfers as a "Natural Science"*
Physics 100	Any Physics course that transfers as a "Natural Science"*
Earth Science: (choose one from this area)	

Geography 105	Any Geography course that transfers as a "Natural Science"*
Life Science: (choose one from this area)	
Biology 100	Any Biology course that transfers as a "Natural Science"*

Cultural & Environmental Awareness Level of General Education Program:

Global Awareness: 3 credits required

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
History 101, 102, Geography 113 OR 120 (choose one)	History 803-258 OR 803-259 OR Social Science 809-215 OR 809-216 (choose one)

US Diversity: 3 credits required

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
US Diversity Elective - 3 credits	Any course that transfers as a US Diversity

Environmental Responsibility: 3 credits required

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
"P" - Natural Resources 370	None

Professional Education Requirements

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
Communicative Disorders 367 - 3 credits - Spring	None
"P" - Education 200 - 1 credit	None
Education 205 - 2 credits	None
"P" - Education 300 - 1 credit	None
"P" - Education 302 - 3 credits	None
"P" - Education 309 - 3 credits	None
"P" - Education 310W - 3 credits - Spring	None
"P" - Education 314 - 2 credits - Spring	None
"P" - Education 331 - 3 credits – Fundamentals Block	None
"P" - Education 351 - 3 credits – Fundamentals Block	ECE 307-187
"P" - Education 356 - 3 credits - Special Ed Block II	None
"P" - Education 362 - 3 credits - Special Ed Block III	None

"P" - Education 368 - 3 credits -Special Ed Block II	None
"P" - Education 378 - 3 credits - Special Ed Block III	None
"P" - Education 381 - 2 credits – Fundamentals Block	Social Science 809-254
"P" - Education 382 - 1 credit	None
"P" - Education 397 (110 hours) -1-3 credits - Fall	None
"P" - Education 398 - Student Teaching - 12 credits	None
"P" - Education 400 - Seminar on Teaching - 1 credit (taken during student teaching)	None

Areas of Specialization

Options (select one):

- Elect one teaching specialization/minor to complete the major; ages 6-13 (Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence Level) and 10-21 (Early Adolescence through Adolescence level) in EBD, LD, or CD. Student teaching must be at both the elementary and secondary levels, or one of the two in a middle school.
- Elect two teaching specializations/minors (CD, EBD, LD) to complete the major for either ages 6-13 (Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence Level) OR ages 10-21 (Early Adolescence through Adolescence Level). Student teaching must be in both areas of specialization, at the same developmental level.

Cognitive Disabilities (CD)

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
"P" - Education 364 - 3 credits - Special Ed Block II	None
"P" - Education 369 - 3 credits - Special Ed Block III	None

Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (EBD)

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
"P" - Education 364 - 3 credits - Special Ed Block II	None
"P" - Education 369 - 3 credits - Special Ed Block III	None

Learning Disabilities (LD)

UW-Stevens Point Requirement	Nicolet College Equivalent
"P" - Education 364 - 3 credits - Special Ed Block II	None
"P" - Education 369 - 3 credits - Special Ed Block III	None

Note: *Sequence of courses:* The Fundamentals Block must be completed first. Special Ed Block II must be completed prior to Special Ed Block III. You must be admitted to the Professional Education Program for 3 semesters prior to student teaching to complete this major. Unless otherwise noted, these blocks will be offered EVERY semester and must be completed in sequence.

Competencies

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- Demonstrate content knowledge by either 1) obtaining a 3.00 or higher in each teaching major and teaching minor or 2) submit passing scores on the required Praxis Subject Assessment exams. Students must meet one of the above requirements for teacher licensure. NOTE: Any student seeking a teaching license in French, German or Spanish are required to pass the ACTFL OPIC and WPT exams, regardless of their major/minor GPA.
- Submit an acceptable web-based portfolio on the Ten InTASC Teaching Standards. More information on these requirements can be found in the "Professional Education Advising Guide" section of the School of Education website, <http://www.uwsp.edu/education/Pages/stuRes/studentHandbook.aspx> .
- All Early Childhood Majors, Elementary Majors and Special Education Majors and Minors are required to pass the Foundation of Reading Test for Wisconsin at least one semester prior to student teaching.
- Passing scores on the Education Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) is required for all student teachers for licensure.
- You must receive a grade of C- or better in all "Early Childhood Education" AND all "Education" coursework.
- Early Childhood Education and Education courses taken more than 10 years prior to student teaching may not be applied to the program requirements. Students may appeal the currency of courses. The ADSOE will convene a review panel of appropriate faculty/advising staff to make a decision about that appeal.
- 120 credits are required to graduate.
- 40 credits of 300 and 400 level credits are required.

More information

Visit the School of Education Web page (<http://www.uwsp.edu/education/Pages/default.aspx>) or contact the School of Education Advising, Recruitment & Retention Office at (715) 346-2040. We are open Monday through Friday 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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