

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS (PI34)

Wisconsin Teaching Certification rules, referred to as PI34, and other state-adopted mandates, require all students to meet the following certification requirements to be approved for a teaching license:

- Cumulative GPA Requirement:** Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75.
- Additional GPA Requirements:** Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75 in all teaching majors, minors and required teacher certification coursework.
- Content Knowledge Assessment:** Demonstrate content knowledge by receiving passing scores on a state-approved standardized test. Wisconsin uses the Praxis II as the approved test, except for Foreign Language majors and minors. Wisconsin requires both the Oral Proficiency interview (OPI-OPIc) and Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) for these majors and minors.
- Minimum Grade Requirement:** Receive a grade of “C” or better in all relevant coursework.
- PI34 Statutory Requirements:** Act 31 refers to the requirement that all Wisconsin public school districts provide instruction in the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of the 11 federally-recognized American Indian Tribes and bands in the state. This requirement can be met through UWGB coursework or through UW-Extension.
- Student Teaching Experience:** This is an 18-week assignment at full-time status, in a classroom that directly corresponds with the licensure level. The student works under the supervision of a cooperating teacher and is evaluated by the cooperating teaching and a university supervisor.
- Foundations of Reading Assessment:** Education majors must demonstrate knowledge of reading methodology by receiving passing scores on the Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin (effective January 31, 2014).
- Education Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA):** Demonstrates the student has the knowledge, skills and dispositions for teaching and substantiates proficiency in the Wisconsin educator standards through performance based measures (effective Fall 2016).
- Disclaimer:** State licensing rules may change at any time. New requirements must be met prior to licensure.