Alternative Careers in Teaching (act!) FAQs

How long will it take to become a licensed teacher?

Your licensure goal, availability to take classes, prior coursework and prior learning expertise all play a role in determining how long it might take before you would be recommended for teacher licensure. A personal interview with the act! Coordinator before you apply will help clarify your personal path to becoming a licensed teacher.

How do I contact the act! Coordinator?

Dr. Dubear Kroening is the act! Coordinator at UWFox. He can be reached by email at: dubear.kroening@uwc.edu or by phone at: 920-832-0117.

Who makes the final recommendation for my teaching license?

UW Colleges and UW Oshkosh will work together but the recommendation for licensure comes through UW Oshkosh’s College of Education and Human Services. UW Oshkosh is the only partner in act! who can recommend you be granted an initial educator license by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

What classes need to be taken at UW Oshkosh?

Any of the classes can be taken at UW Oshkosh but they are offered at all of the six participating campuses. If the class cannot be offered as a face-to-face course then we will use Distance Education to deliver the course.

How much are classes?

Students will pay tuition and fees on the campus the course originated from. Detailed tuition and fees info.

Can I take classes at different campuses at the same time?

Yes.

Will I have to do a portfolio to become licensed?

Yes, all initial educators need to complete a portfolio containing evidence that the 10 WI teaching standards have been before a recommendation is made for licensure with the Department of Public Instruction.

Will I have to student teach? Yes, student teaching is required and is a semester long (18 weeks of full time instruction). Student teachers must be at their assigned school placement for the full school day - from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. depending on your placement.

What experience do I need?

A five year work history is required for admittance to the program.

Is there a required orientation and how much is it?

Orientation is a requirement of the program for act! students. Orientation sessions are held in January and May. It. The cost is $1,500.