

CONTINUING EDUCATION INSTITUTE

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The Continuing Education Institute brings together professionals and community members of all ages in Southwest Wisconsin, the tri-state region, and across the state of Wisconsin, through lifelong learning experiences. Continuing education classes, programs, and events serve learners' requests and needs, and provide a supportive, convenient, and positive environment that creates shared learning connections between UW-Platteville and the communities in our region.

The Continuing Education Institute offers credit classes designed for K-12 teachers, technical college and early childhood professionals working to meet certification requirements. Many classes are delivered through web-based sessions to expand access for non-traditional students living and working at a distance from campus. Community education classes are held in the evenings and weekends - and weekdays during the summer - to enrich the lives of adults and young learners in southwestern Wisconsin. Continuing Education also provides 24/7 online registration and payment access, along with other support services, for meetings and events held on- and off- campus.

The Continuing Education Institute is a partnership between UW-Platteville and UW-Extension, to carry out the Wisconsin Idea of extending university resources beyond campus boundaries to the citizens of the state.

RECERTIFICATION CLASSES

The Continuing Education Institute offers 1-3 credit professional development courses for K-12 educators working to renew their certification. Topics include best practices in classroom management, administration, reading and literacy, and other current issues. Face-to-face classes are held throughout Southwest Wisconsin, typically in a weekend (Friday night/Saturday all day) schedule, or in a web-enhanced format for increased convenience and access. Classes are held year-round, with expanded programming from June-August.

CHILD CARE CREDENTIAL

The Continuing Education Institute offers eight undergraduate credential series for child care professionals, leading to Wisconsin Professional Credentials. Courses are offered in cooperation with The Registry and TEACH, a project of the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association.

ADMINISTRATOR CREDENTIAL

This six course, 18-credit sequence will help child care professional develop the skills and competencies needed by administrators and directors to be successful. *Available in Spanish and English.*

AFTERSCHOOL AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CREDENTIAL

This four course, 12-credit sequence is designed for any individual working in an out-of-school-time program for children ages 5 through 12. Caring for and enriching the lives of school age children beyond the school day requires a unique set of skills that combines and crosses many professional disciplines and is grounded in an understanding of the growth and development of children.

FAMILY CHILD CARE CREDENTIAL

This four course, 12-credit sequence is designed for family child care providers or individuals seeking to become family child care providers.

INCLUSION CREDENTIAL

This four course, 12-credit sequence focuses on the additional training and education professionals need when caring for children with special needs and builds a knowledge base that allows providers to offer high quality care to all children.

INFANT/TODDLER CREDENTIAL

This four course, 12-credit sequence will benefit those who work with children under the age of 3. Courses in this sequence are also within the Wisconsin Technical College System Statewide Curriculum for the Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education. *Available in Spanish and English.*

LEADERSHIP CREDENTIAL

This four course, 12-credit sequence is designed for teachers, assistant teachers, program directors, and administrators. Courses explore the importance of excellence and diversity in early care and education programs and the role of vision and reflective practice in reaching these goals.

PRESCHOOL CREDENTIAL

This six course, 18-credit sequence is designed for preschool teachers, assistant teachers, program directors, and administrators who work with children age 3 to 5. Courses in this sequence are also within the Wisconsin Technical College System Statewide Curriculum for the Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CREDENTIAL

This four course, 12-credit sequence is designed for the individual responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluating an early care and education program. Courses explore both management and leadership functions of the program developer role, and provide training in learning environments, relationships, collaborative environments, program implementation, and supervision and training.