

## **Madison College to UW-Madison Teacher Education Transfer Agreement**

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The School of Education is working to create a transfer agreement from Madison College's Liberal Arts Transfer - Education Associate Degree Program to our Elementary and Special Education teacher certification programs.

Your feedback will shape how we move forward. Specifically, we are asking for a vote of confidence for this agreement, which we would carry forward to the School of Education's Academic Planning Council and into our ongoing discussions with campus colleagues.

### **Why a transfer agreement?**

The School of Education aims to lead the way in preparing a diverse teacher workforce in Wisconsin; therefore, robust, diverse enrollments in our teacher education programs is a high priority goal. Initiating this transfer agreement is one strategy working in support of our enrollment and diversity goals, among others such as launching the Teacher Pledge and hiring a teacher education program recruiter.

### **Why Madison College?**

Simply stated, the quantity and profile of Madison College's pre-education students are of interest.

1. There are more than 200 students in [Madison College's Liberal Arts Transfer - Education Associate Degree Program](#), many with interest in transferring to UW-Madison to complete one of our teacher certification programs.
2. Notably, Madison College's student body is more diverse than UW-Madison's and this transfer agreement will increase access for a diverse population of students.
3. A vast majority of Madison College students are Wisconsin residents; the Teacher Pledge will be attractive to them.

### **How will it work?**

Students who meet the agreement's conditions will be admitted to UW-Madison and their selected teacher certification program. With a strong advising partnership between Madison College and UW-Madison Student Services, students will be able to complete their degree in four years. We aspire to enroll 15 transfer students per year at UW-Madison via this agreement beginning in fall 2022.

### **Current state:**

In recent years, very few students have transferred into our teacher education programs from Madison College. Current barriers for transfer students include: 1) sub-optimal course transfer, leading to extended time to degree and increased costs; 2) uncertain path for gaining program admission; 3) perceptions of UW-Madison being too competitive and too hard to get in. We seek to minimize or eliminate the barriers and provide a seamless transfer pathway that communicates our interest in and commitment to Madison College transfer students. Ideally, combined with our increase in recruitment efforts and the Teacher Pledge, this initiative will contribute to increasing the diversity of students in our teacher preparation programs.

### **What's next:**

1. Seek explicit support from Elementary Education & Special Education.
2. Continue sharpening the details of the transfer agreement.
3. Seek support/approval from the School of Education's Academic Planning Council.