

Certificate in Professional Development Process

The College of Education's 9-unit Graduate Certificate Program in the Professional Development Process (PDP) is designed to train experienced professional educators, who have completed the Initial Educator Licensure Cycle in Wisconsin, to support initial educators in their development, implementation and verification of their Professional Development Plans required for licensure renewal. Participants will complete coursework to prepare them for roles as district based coaches and mentors and in-service trainers/facilitators. Program completers may also be eligible to serve as higher education representatives on PDP teams.

The PDP Certificate program targets experienced professionals seeking a graduate degree to fulfill requirements for the Master Educator License. The Certificate Program credits may be applied to selected masters programs in Education at UW-Whitewater. The program provides:

1. performance based courses designed for teachers, administrators, and pupil service personnel
2. courses on campus at UW-Whitewater or on-site certificate programs for districts seeking to prepare experienced educators to serve as PDP mentors and team members
3. program courses that blend 50% class instruction with 50% field-based application activities and web-based learning communities

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ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

A minimum of 2.75 overall grade point average.

Applicants must hold a professional educator license, meet UW-Whitewater Graduate School requirements for admission, and submit two letters of reference from the Superintendent or Director of the School District or organization in which they are employed and from their building principal or supervisor. These letters must address the candidate's professional competence to serve as a mentor and to work collaboratively with staff and administration. Letters should be sent to:

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CERTIFICATE IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS:

The Certificate Program requires 9 units based on the following courses:

- EDUINDP 710 MENTORING THE INITIAL EDUCATOR
- EDUINDP 711 THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROCESS
- ELECTIVE (3 units approved by advisor)