

UW-Whitewater has made some revisions to its programs leading to the Gifted and Talented Supplementary add-on Teaching (1013) and Instructional Program Coordinator (5013) Licenses. We did this to try and make the program less expensive as well as easier to complete for people all over the state as well as in Minnesota! Below we describe those changes as well as information about course rotation, cost, and what you need to do to register. What's especially important is that we cannot run the program with fewer than 15 students in each class. This means if you are interested in this program / either license, please see the last section for information on registering.

The first major change is that whereas the program used to have a few face-to-face meetings across all of the classes, it will now be FULLY online.

The second change (still in development) is that we are hoping to move the program from four three-credit courses (12cr) to THREE three-credit courses, making the teacher license 9 credits with an additional 3cr course required for the Coordinator license. ASSUMING we get those program changes made, here is the plan for our rotation:

**Summer 2020** (June 15<sup>th</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup>): would need to register by June 15<sup>th</sup>

EDFOUND 781 - Foundations of Gifted and Talented Education

Topics covered include history of gifted education, purpose and philosophy of gifted education in K-12 schools, national and state definitions of gifted, Wisconsin state laws and administrative rules for K-12 schools in Wisconsin, common program models, high ability psychology vs. advanced academics, and gifted and talented social emotional concerns.

**Fall 2020** (9/2 to 12/11): we need to have 15 people registered by August 15<sup>th</sup>

EDFOUND 782 – Psychological Issues in Gifted and Talented Education (including implementing skills in your district or school)

Topics covered include identifying unmet student needs vs. identifying students as gifted, aligning programs with identification, how to design a proactive identification system and evaluate who it might be missing, troubleshooting equity challenges, frontloading educational experiences in order to increase the number of students who would benefit from gifted services, and general cognitive development.

**Spring 2021** (1/19 to 5/7): registration deadline TBD

EDFOUND 783 - Curriculum and Methods for Gifted Students (including an on-the-job practicum working with gifted students or with teachers of gifted students)

Topics covered: advanced academic interventions (e.g., differentiation, cluster grouping, acceleration, enrichment), incorporating services into a broader total-school RtI / MTSS framework, differentiated education plans, implementing subject-specific and full-grade acceleration, designing a scope of sequence and menu of services to assure all students are challenged.

**TBD**

EDFOUND 785 – Coordinating Gifted and Talented Programs and Services is the course you need, in addition to the three above, to earn the gifted and talented instructional program coordinator license. We are still pondering when to offer this and are focusing on the other three-course rotation first.

**Important note:**

Note that both 782 and 783 will require students to apply skills “on the job”. As both programs are “add on” licenses, students must be current teachers or other school personnel. Successful completion of 782 and 783 will require access to students or other K-12 teachers with whom students can apply skills learned. We are starting the rotation in summer so that a) you can be done by the end of the coming school year and b) so that the two classes that will require access to students will take place during the school year.

**When would I have to register?**

None of the classes will / can run with fewer than 15 people. Above, next to each class, are the dates by which we need to have 15 people or else we'll have to cancel the class.

**How much will it cost?**

A three-credit class will cost Wisconsin OR Minnesota residents approximately \$1500. This includes a reduction of some fees because it's an online program, but also a different fee because it's an online program.....don't ask.....

**How to sign up:**

Email Carrie Lencho ([lenchoc@uww.edu](mailto:lenchoc@uww.edu)) to request an admission/registration form for the Summer 781 course. Students will be admitted but not registered for the class until 15 people have committed. That way you won't be out any money if we end up having to cancel the class. If you've already taken 781 but want to jump in with the program for 782 or 783 in fall or spring, you're welcome to do that. You wouldn't need to take any action right now – just register for 782 by August 15<sup>th</sup>.