

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Real Opportunities

You want to become a teacher! We have a major and licensure pathway in elementary education (grades 1-8) and K-12 music education licensure pathways.

At the Parkside, your journey begins when you are placed in a K-12 classroom to co-teach alongside a mentor teacher. To do our very best teaching, we must be connected with colleagues, K-12 students, the subjects we teach, and our inner selves. When you enroll in education classes you will be connected with other teacher candidates, mentor teachers, university faculty, and K-12 students while you serve as a teacher candidate in area schools.



"I feel like I have been fully immersed in teaching. I know that my mentor teacher believes that I am an extra resource in the class for the students, and that I can lend a hand or give a different perspective. The greatest benefit of co-teaching is for the elementary and middle school students." - William Kuester



"Parkside students can see how the system works, because talking about how it works in a class, will only allow students to glean so much, but seeing it in practice makes it clear to them and better prepares them to hit the ground running on day one when they are certified teachers." - Dr. Marty Pitts, Principal

In Your Courses, You'll...

- Connect the art and science of teaching to theories about how children and adolescents learn
- Analyze resources and approaches to educating others
- Empower you to address the economic, political, social, cultural, and personal needs of your students
- Challenge and ignite your passion to transform the world

Your Parkside Experience

- Opportunities to work in a classroom starting in your first semester
- Experiential learning in college and district classrooms
- Personalized and professional advising
- Small class sizes
- Affordable tuition



Amazing Results

Graduates from our program return to UW-Parkside to earn additional add-on licenses as well as credits toward professional development.



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