# Early Childhood Education

## MAJOR MAP 2024

### GETTING STARTED
- **YOUR COURSE JOURNEY**
  - Explore the major through Educ 205 field experience
  - Attend a teaching intent meeting
  - Attend a graduation plan meeting
  - Decide what you want to do with your elective credits
  - Maintain overall GPA of 2.60 (required to apply to Professional Education Program)

### MAKING PROGRESS
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  - Apply to Professional Education Program (PEP) after 24 credits are earned
  - Meet with your adviser to review your graduation plan
  - Attend a student teaching meeting
  - Apply to student teach
  - Maintain 2.75 or higher GPA – Overall, teaching majors and minors
  - Review your grad plan with your adviser to check all requirements are met prior to student teaching
  - Take Elementary Methods Block classes prior to student teaching

### PREPARING FOR WHAT'S NEXT
- **CAREERS**
  - Kindergarten Teacher
  - Preschool/4K Teacher
  - Head Start Teacher
  - Family Advocate
  - Title 1 Interventionist
  - Pre-School Director
  - Events Coordinator
  - Educational Consultant
  - Substitute Teacher
  - Corporate Trainer
  - and many more!

### KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS
- Take relevant General Education Program (GEP) courses
- Earn grade of B- or better in ENGL 101 or 150
- Ask for help from the Tutoring Learning Center (TLC) and your professors if you wish to improve in your courses
- Apply for scholarships to support your educational career funding

### ACT LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY
- Join a student organization to connect with others: Early Childhood Educators, Aspiring Educators, Student Council for Exceptional Children
- Look into study abroad programs
- Check out Campus Activities and Student Engagement (CASE) on the UWSP website for ways to get involved on campus
- Continue membership in student organizations in major field

### CAREER READINESS
- Look into campus jobs using Quest
- Seek out volunteer and job opportunities working with children (YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, etc.)
- Reflect on School of Education "disposition" expectations in the SOE Advising Guide at the end of every semester
- Create a college resume

- Consider becoming a substitute to gain on the job experience (must be 20 years of age, achieve junior status and completed 15 hours in school settings)
- Admission to Professional Education Program
- Seek out volunteer and job opportunities working with children
- Apply for substitute license
- Meet with a Career Coach about resume building and interview tips
- Continue to seek out volunteer and job opportunities working with children
- Talk with your adviser about networking or work experience opportunities
- Set up a Wisconsin Education Career Access Network (WECAN) account to look for job openings
- Attend a career fair
- Apply for jobs
- Apply for license once requirements are met
- Ask for letters of recommendation
- Notify references listed on job application

### AVAILABLE ONLINE
Major Map documents are available online with additional information!