Winona State University-Rochester provides a teacher licensure program for persons desiring to teach in an elementary classroom. The Education Program is approved by both the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Minnesota Board of Teaching.

The Path to Purple agreement with Rochester Community and Technical College enables students to complete the program in its entirety in Rochester by completing an Associate of Arts degree at RCTC and the major’s upper division courses through WSU-Rochester. As a cohort model, courses are offered on a yearly cycle that begins each fall semester.

To graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, a minimum of 120 credits are required. Eighty credits can be transferred from a two-year institution. However, a baccalaureate degree must include forty credits of upper division coursework. At least thirty semester credits must be taken from Winona State University during the junior and senior years combined, and students must be enrolled at WSU the semester of graduation. Note: There are 60 upper division credits for this major.

Admission Requirements

1. Attend an admissions meeting as posted by the Education Department. An admissions meeting is scheduled each semester. Visit the Education Office in EA201 for information regarding specific dates and times.

2. Twenty four (24) students per year will be selected through a competitive admission process. The selection process will involve a point system based upon the following criteria:
   • Cumulative College GPA (at least 30 credits) minimum of 2.75
   • Grade of “B” or better in a 3 credit college-level writing course
     ENG 111 at WSU OR ENGL 1117 at RCTC (both courses need to be taken, and the student needs to get a grade of “B” or better in one of them)
   • Grade of “B” or better in a 3 credit college-level speech course
     CMST 191 at WSU OR SPCH 1114 at RCTC
   • Grade of “C” or better in a 3 credit college-level math course
     MATH 115 or higher at WSU OR MATH 1050 at RCTC
   • Official score report on all three sections of the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examination (MTLE) Basic Skills Tests: Math, Reading, and Writing. Competency in each section is not required for admittance to the WSU-R program, but it is required to obtain licensure.
   • Evidence of having passed the Education Department Writing Proficiency exam that is administered at the Admissions Meeting.

3. Additional RCTC courses that students should take: MATH 1060, ENGL 2297, HLTH 1111 or 1132, SCIE 1100 and SCIE 1200. This is not a complete listing of all required RCTC courses.

4. Students need to apply and be accepted to Winona State University. This is a separate process from Admission to the Elementary Education Program. Students should visit the WSU web site www.winona.edu/admissions/transferrequirements.asp for Admissions information.

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Additional Information for WSU-Rochester Elementary Education

- The Elementary Education major is offered as a day program for classes with field experience during the day (about 75 hours each semester).
- The program is supported by Rochester residential faculty who will advise and instruct students.
- Students who are interested in pursuing a 5-8 License in Science, Math, Social Studies, or Communication, Arts & Literature should contact the WSU-Rochester Education Admissions Advisor (Karen Dunbar) during their first semester at RCTC.

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