Bachelor's in Education Programs
Student Information Packet

Thank you for your interest in Concordia University Wisconsin's online accelerated bachelor's in education programs. We are pleased to bring our programs to your local area. Once you submit your application, I will be able to hold a seat while you continue to work on your admissions file.

This packet includes all of the information that you will need to be admitted into the program. Read through this packet carefully, and be sure to contact me if you have any questions. My team and I are committed to guiding you through the application process. Choosing where to go to graduate school is an important step, and I want to help you in any way that I can. You can reach me by phone at **(262) 299–7350** or by email at **dleonard@graduateprogram.org**.

NOTE: Concordia University Wisconsin strictly limits enrollment in each program to 15 students and accepts students on a first-come, first-served basis.

Complete step 1 below to reserve your seat in this program.

1 Application for Admission

Complete and submit the application **online**.

Once you have reserved your seat, turn to page 2 or visit the **online checklist** to complete the remaining admission steps.

Congratulations on your pursuit of a bachelor's in education degree with Concordia University Wisconsin!

Sincerely,
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Application Checklist for Admission

Apply online at our dedicated website for faster processing.

2 Financial Aid & Payment Options (Page 3)

Determine how you plan to pay for the program: Financial Aid or Pay-As-You-Go.
If using Financial Aid, Complete the **FAFSA** online. It is in your best interest to complete the financial aid process as early as possible. See page 3 for more information.

3 Official Transcripts (Page 4)

Official sealed transcripts from high school are required, with any previously completed college credits.

4 Essay

Explain why you want to become a teacher. **This is only required if GPA is lower than 3.0.**

5 Background Check

Once accepted, one will be required upon entry into the program.

6 Government ID

A Government Issued Photo ID is Required

7 Introduction Video

We want to get to know you! Please record a brief video to introduce yourself. State your first and last name, where you're from, and why you're applying for the (Program Name). Please make sure you can see yourself clearly in the frame below before clicking "Ready." You will have up to 30 seconds to record your introduction.

* Must have 3.0 GPA for full admission

If you choose to submit paper forms for any of the steps above, documents should be faxed, mailed, or emailed to:

Concordia University Wisconsin
Attn: Admissions
12800 N Lake Shore Drive
Mequon, WI 53097

(800) 504-7618

dleonard@graduateprogram.org

Financial Aid & Payment Options

How to Apply for Financial Aid:

1. **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** The FAFSA is **available online**. If you do not have access to a computer you may request a paper version from the Financial Aid Office. **Students should submit the 2025-2026 form. You will need your 2023 Federal Tax Return, your FSA ID, and Concordia University Wisconsin's code (003842).** Graduate students are considered independent for financial aid purposes.

2. **Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy.** The Department of Education will notify you when your application is processed and will provide you with a Student Aid Report (SAR). If you notice any errors after reviewing your SAR, log back into your FAFSA to make corrections.

3. **You will receive your financial aid award letter from Concordia once you have been academically accepted.**This lists the financial aid you will qualify for. If you wish to decline all or a portion of the award, notify the Financial Aid Office in writing. Be sure to contact the Financial Aid Office if you have any questions on your award.

4. **Complete Loan Entrance Counseling and the Master Promissory Note Entrance.** Counseling is only required for first time Federal Direct Loan borrowers; all borrowers must complete a Master Promissory Note. Both can be completed at **https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action** (you will need your FSA ID from Step 1).

Federal Loan Requirements:

To be eligible to borrow funds under the Federal Direct Loan Program, you must:

1. File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
2. Be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
3. Not be in default on prior educational loans
4. Maintain satisfactory academic progress

Questions? Call the Financial Aid Office at (262) 243-4569 or finaid@cuw.edu

Enrolling in a Pay-As-You-Go Payment Plan:

Monthly Payment Plan:

Tuition payments may be made automatically each month for a maximum of 6 payments per semester. These payment plans must be set up each semester and there is a $35 enrollment fee for each plan set up. **Questions about the payment plan should be directed to the Business Office (S103) at 262-243-2609.**

Uncommon Scholarships:

For more information, visit **https://www.cuw.edu/admissions/financial-aid/uncommon-scholarships.html**

The Federal (Title One) Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program:

If you and your school qualify, this program may provide loan forgiveness for eligible Federal Direct Loans. This is a separate program requiring separate forms and processes. The U.S. Department of Education will determine your eligibility for this program. Concordia University Wisconsin is not responsible to verify your eligibility for this program. Please do not base your enrollment on this program, as it can be difficult to ensure qualification for government programs which are subject to reform and funding changes. **You must call 1-800-4-FED-AID to verify your eligibility or visit https://studentaid.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher for more information.**

The TEACH Grant:

TEACH (Teacher Education Assistance for University and Higher Education) Grant (loan) is a merit based Federal Title IV program designed to encourage highly qualified teachers to serve in low-income schools in high-need fields. Grant recipients agree to teach for at least four years within eight years of finishing their teacher preparation program and to teach high-need students in designated schools that serve low-income students. **For more information, visit https://studentaid.gov/teach-grant-program.**

Transcript Request Process

Concordia University Wisconsin requires official transcripts from high school, along with any previously completed college credits to be fully admitted into the program of your choice. Follow the steps below to request transcripts from each of the schools that you attended.

REQUEST OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS:
There are multiple ways to request transcripts, and each high school, college or university will have their own process. Typically, the easiest way to order official transcripts is:

1. Contact the Registrar's office at your previously attended school, either by phone, email, or through your high school or university's website.
2. Submit a transcript request following that school's procedures. Many schools have a Transcript Request Form available to download on the Registrar's website. Some will allow you to order transcripts online.

   Note: Some schools charge a small fee for official transcripts. Be sure to enclose your fee with your transcript request to avoid a delay in processing.
3. It can often take several days for a transcript request to be processed. When your transcripts are received, the Graduate Information Office will contact you, but if you have not received confirmation within 14 days, please contact us at **(262) 299–7350**.

ONLINE:
If your school allows, please send electronic transcripts to **admissions@cuw.edu**.

BY MAIL:
You can also send sealed transcripts to:

Concordia University Wisconsin
Attn: Admissions
12800 N Lake Shore Drive
Mequon, WI 53097

Accelerated Bachelor's in Special Education (Cross Categorical Licensure #2801)

For:

Those looking to become a certified educator. Become a memorable, skilled, and compassionate special education teacher with a bachelor's degree from Concordia University's established and highly regarded School of Education.

What You Learn:

Relevant curriculum, student teaching, and experienced faculty will develop your teaching skills and passion to help K-12 special education students reach their full academic potential. Learn to identify the characteristics of children with disabilities, assess students, serve on Individualized Education Plan (IEP) teams, and create learning environments that align with their specific needs. This program will give you the authority to work with students that have intellectual disabilities (ID), specific learning disabilities (SPD), and emotional behavioral disabilities (EBD)

How You Learn:

100% Online. Students take three successive 8-week sessions within each semester. Students that want to complete the program in three years will need to take two courses at the same time during an 8-week session. This would be a total of six credits as each course is three credits.

Career Outcomes:

You will earn your bachelor's in education AND a valid Wisconsin license to teach K-12 students. The Accelerated Cross Categorical Special Education program focuses on developing individuals into strong, compassionate, and highly-skilled K-12 special education teachers. Your studies in special education will include a solid liberal arts foundation, specialized coursework, and in-classroom experiences.

Degree Requirements: Core Curriculum – Click Here (44-47 Credit Hours)

Course #	Cross Categorical Special Education (Courses Listed Below)	Credits
ED 1230	Nature of the Exceptional Child	3
ED 1275	Human Learning	3
ED 4411	The Profession and Ethics of Teaching	3
ED 2204	The Art & Science of Teaching Reading	3
ED 2432	Teaching Writing: Grades 4-12	3
ED 3401	Instruction & Assessment of Reading	3
ED 4307	Curriculum and Methods in Language Arts & Social Studies	3
ED 4308	Curriculum and Methods in STEM	3
MATH 1200	Data & Space: Teaching Pre K-9	3
ED 2327	Collaborating with Families & Professionals in Diverse Society	3
ED 2484	Educational & Behavioral Management in Special Education	3
ED 3328	Teaching Students with Significant Disabilities	3
ED 3450	Instruction and Transition for Adolescents with Disabilities	3
ED 3457	Curricular Adaptions for Learners with Disabilities	3
ED 4479	Assessment Strategies for Diverse Learners	3
ED 4485	Special Education Law and IEPs	3
ED 4501	Clinical Field Experience 1	3
ED 4502	Clinical Field Experience 2	3
ED 4503	Clinical Field Experience 3	3
ED 4504	Clinical Field Experience 4	1
ED 4505	Clinical Field Experience 5	1
ED 4506	Clinical Field Experience 6	1
ED 4508	Clinical Field Experience Special Education	3
ED 4444/4447	CCSE Student Teaching 1 and 2	3
ED 4449	Portfolio Completion-Special Education	1
	Total Credit Hours:	**120**

Accelerated Bachelor's in Elementary Education Licensure #2088

For:

Those looking to become a certified educator. A career in education is possible, and you can have uncommon experience at Concordia University. The Accelerated Elementary Education Licensure program can be completed in 3 years' time.

What You Learn:

Develop and build your teaching skills and strategies through clinical experiences in schools. Led by experienced full-time and adjunct faculty, this program equips students with the necessary skills, knowledge, and dispositions to support the Elementary classroom.

How You Learn:

100% Online. Students take three successive 8-week sessions within each semester. Students that want to complete the program in three years will need to take two courses at the same time during an 8-week session. This would be a total of six credits as each course is three credits.

Career Outcomes:

Graduate career-ready having met the requirements to apply for your Wisconsin teaching license in elementary education. You will earn your bachelor's in education AND a valid Wisconsin license to teach grades K-9th. The accelerated courses can be scheduled and completed within three years or at the pace you prefer.

Degree Requirements: Core Curriculum – Click Here (44-47 Credit Hours)

Course #	Elementary Education (Courses Listed Below)	Credits
ED 1230	Nature of the Exceptional Child	3
ED 1231	Best Practices in Engaging Children in Literacy	3
ED 1275	Human Learning	3
ED 4411	The Profession and Ethics of Teaching	3
ED 2204	The Art & Science of Teaching Reading	3
ED 2252 OR MATH 3130	Best Practices in Engaging Adolescents in Literacy Math in the Middle School	3
MATH 1200	Data & Space-Teaching Pre K-9	3
ED 2348	Developmentally Appropriate Practices for Early Childhood	3
ED 2358	Emergent Writing: Birth to Grade 3	3
ED 3401	Instruction & Assessment of Reading	3
ED 4301	Data Driven Analysis of Classroom Practice	3
ED 4302	Collaborating with Families and Members of the Community	3
ED 4307	Curriculum and Methods in Language Arts & Social Studies	3
ED 4308	Curriculum and Methods in STEM	3
ED 4501	Clinical Field Experience 1	3
ED 4502	Clinical Field Experience 2	3
ED 4503	Clinical Field Experience 3	3
ED 4504	Clinical Field Experience 4	1
ED 4505	Clinical Field Experience 5	1
ED 4506	Clinical Field Experience 6	1
ED 4507	Clinical Field Experience 7	3
ED 4412	Portfolio Completion-Elementary/Content Tests	1
ED 4421 & 4422	Gr K-9 Student Teaching and Gr K-9 Student Teaching 2	12
	Total Credit Hours:	**120**

Accelerated Bachelor's in Secondary Education

English and Language Arts Licensure #2300

For:

Those looking to become a certified educator. Learn how to teach reading, writing, listening, and comprehension to secondary education students.

What You Learn:

English is one of the most versatile degrees you can pursue, because the skills you learn are transferable. Critical thinking, reading comprehension, writing, and communication are essential in almost any career field-not to mention your personal life. As a secondary education major, not only will you gain these skills for yourself, you will understand how to pass them on to your students, setting them up for a successful life of learning.

How You Learn:

100% Online. Students take three successive 8-week sessions within each semester. Students that want to complete the program in three years will need to take two courses at the same time during an 8-week session. This would be a total of six credits as each course is three credits.

Career Outcomes:

You will master the ELA skills so that you can implement effective lessons and learning strategies in 4th – 12th grade classrooms. Through online courses and clinical experience in classrooms, you will gain the expertise and experience to utilize curriculum that builds the knowledge of your students. Upon completion of this online accelerated program, you will earn your Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education-English & Language Arts and your Wisconsin teaching license.

Degree Requirements: Core Curriculum – Click Here (44-47 Credit Hours)

Course #	English & Language Arts Curriculum (Courses Listed Below)	Credits
ED 1230	Nature of the Exceptional Child	3
ED 1275	Human Learning	3
ED 4340	The Art & Science of Assessment and Instruction	3
ED 4372	Curriculum & Methods of Teaching English-Secondary	3
ED 4411	The Profession & Ethics of Teaching	3
COMM 2010	Interpersonal Communication (Counts as Core Communication)	
COMM 1200	Journalism	3
COMM 4100	Cross-Cultural Communication	3
ED 2252	Best Practices in Engaging Adolescents in Literacy	3
ED 2432	Teaching Writing: Grades 4-12	3
ENG 2100	College Writing (Counts as core English Class)	
ENG 2500	Academic Writing and Research	3
ENG 3470	World Literature I	3
ENG 3920	Survey of American Literature	3
ENG 3940	Survey of British Literature	3
ENG 3960	English Language and Its Usage	3
ENG 4650	Shakespeare	3
ENG 4750	Literary Criticism	3
ED 4501	Clinical Field Experience 1	3
ED 4502	Clinical Field Experience 2	3
ED 4507	Clinical Field Experience 7	3
ED 4414	Portfolio Completion-Secondary	1
ED 4433 & 4434	Secondary Ed Student Teaching 1 and Secondary Ed Student Teaching 2	12
	Total Credit Hours:	**120**

Accelerated Bachelor's in Secondary Education
Mathematics Licensure #2400

For:

Those looking to become a certified educator. Pass on your passion for mathematics to current and future leaders. Help enhance the STEM skills that are so needed by today's students for continued success in school and their careers.

What You Learn:

Gain the awareness to look at mathematics through the lens of a student so that you can make math accessible and applicable to your 4th – 12th grade students. This program will help you to facilitate vibrant classrooms where students deepen their procedural and conceptual understanding of a wide variety of mathematical topics.

How You Learn:

100% Online. Students take three successive 8-week sessions within each semester. Students that want to complete the program in three years will need to take two courses at the same time during an 8-week session. This would be a total of six credits as each course is three credits.

Career Outcomes:

You will enhance your fundamental knowledge of math to establish your teaching career in math. Develop teaching skills to implement effective math teaching practices in the classroom. Our experienced faculty will teach you how to navigate different math curriculums and connect the concepts of mathematics for all learners. You will earn your bachelor's in education AND a valid Wisconsin license to teach 4th – 12th grades.

Degree Requirements: Core Curriculum – Click Here (44-47 Credit Hours)

Course #	Mathematics Education (Courses Listed Below)	Credits
ED 1230	Nature of the Exceptional Child	3
ED 1275	Human Learning	3
ED 4340	The Art & Science of Assessment & Instruction	3
ED 4374	Curriculum & Methods of Teaching Mathematics-Secondary	3
ED 4411	The Profession & Ethics of Teaching	3
MATH 1190	Number Sense: Teaching Pre-K-9	3
MATH 1200	Data & Space: Teaching Pre K-9	3
MATH 1280	College Algebra	3
MATH 1500	Trigonometry	3
MATH 2010	Calculus I	4
MATH 2020	Calculus II	4
MATH 2050	Statistics I	3
MATH 3130	Math in the Middle School	3
MATH 3210	Abstract Algebra	3
MATH 3310	Geometry	3
MATH 4950	Mathematics Education Senior Seminar	3
ED 4501	Clinical Field Experience 1	3
ED 4502	Clinical Field Experience 2	3
ED 4507	Clinical Field Experience 7	3
ED 4414	Portfolio Completion-Secondary	1
ED 4433 & 4434	Secondary Ed Student Teaching 1 and Secondary Ed Student Teaching 2	12
	Total Credit Hours:	**120**

Accelerated Bachelor's in Secondary Education

Social Studies Licensure #2700

For:

This program is for Wisconsin teacher licensure in grades 4 to 12 Social Studies. Pass along your passion for history, political science, geography, economics, and other social sciences to the next generation.

What You Learn:

- Through a blend of the social sciences, history, and humanities, you will learn to guide your students through a myriad of perspectives and social structures and be able to adapt such lessons for the next generation of thinkers.
- You will understand how to help your students discover how people relate to each other, how we interact as groups, and how we organize our thoughts, religions, and governments.
- With a foundation in social studies, your students will be able to understand the world around them, and their place in it.

How You Learn:

100% Online. Students take three successive 8-week sessions within each semester. Students that want to complete the program in three years will need to take two courses at the same time during an 8-week session. This would be a total of six credits as each course is three credits.

Career Outcomes:

Upon completion of this online accelerated program, you will earn your Bachelor's degree and a valid Wisconsin License to teach 4th -12th grades. Learn to teach the various topics that are included in today's social studies curriculum to elementary through high school students. Give students the knowledge to develop an appreciation and understanding of history, and the current events and issues in our diverse society.

Degree Requirements: Core Curriculum – Click Here (44-47 Credit Hours)

Course #	Social Studies Curriculum (Courses Listed Below)	Credits
ED 1230	Nature of the Exceptional Child	3
ED 1275	Human Learning	3
ED 4340	The Art and Science of Assessment & Instruction	3
ED 4373	Curriculum & Methods of Teaching Social Studies Secondary	3
ED 4411	The Profession and Ethics of Teaching	3
ECON 2000	Principals of Economics	3
PSY 1010	General Psychology	3
HIST 1610	World Civilizations I	3
HIST 1615	World Civilizations II	3
HIST 2240 OR POLS 2010	The American Federal System American Government	3
HIST 3200	Early America: 1492-1800	3
HIST 3220	Indus America: 1865-1920	3
HIST 3230	US-World Power: 1920-Present	3
HIST 3210	The American Republic, 1800-1860	3
HIST 3850	Historical Methods	3
HIST 4800	History Seminar	3
ED 4501	Clinical Field Experience 1	3
ED 4502	Clinical Field Experience 2	3
ED 4507	Clinical Field Experience 7	3
ED 4414	Portfolio Completion-Secondary	1
ED 4433 & 4434	Secondary Ed Student Teaching 1 and Secondary Ed Student Teaching 2	12
	Total Credit Hours:	**120**

Accelerated Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education Licensure #1777

For:

Those looking to earn a bachelor's degree and Wisconsin early childhood teacher licensure through our accelerated program.

What You Learn:

- Develop the skills and understanding to teach and help children at various stages of learning from birth to 3rd grade.
- Take courses on the latest educational theories and practices to build your knowledge in the field of early childhood.
- Progress to specific early childhood education courses that focus on how infants, toddlers, and younger children develop intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally.
- Complete the required student teaching at the early childhood education level in an approved educational setting.
- Receive regular reviews and feedback from faculty and your supervising teacher as you go through student teaching.

How You Learn:

100% Online. Students take three successive 8-week sessions within each semester. Students that want to complete the program in three years will need to take two courses at the same time during an 8-week session. This would be a total of six credits as each course is three credits.

Career Outcomes:

Upon completion, you will be qualified to teach from birth through the third-grade level in Wisconsin.

Degree Requirements: Core Curriculum – Click Here (44-47 Credit Hours)

Course #	Early Childhood Education (Courses Listed Below)	Credits
ED 1230	Nature of the Exceptional Child	3
ED 1231	Best Practices in Engaging Children in Literacy	3
ED 1275	Human Learning	3
ED 4411	The Profession and Ethics of Teaching	3
ED 2327	Collaborating with Families and Professionals in a Diverse Society	3
ED 2466	Health, Safety, and Fitness for the Young Child	3
ED 3356	STEM: Math in Early Childhood	2
ED 3357	STEM: Science and Environment in Early Childhood	2
ED 3359	Curriculum and Techniques in Early Childhood	4
ED 3400	Creativity in Early Childhood	2
ED 4479	Assessment Strategies for Diverse Learners	3
ED 2204	The Art & Science of Teaching Reading	3
ED 2221	Infant and Toddler Development	3
ED 2358	Emergent Writing: Birth to Grade 3	2
ED 3401	Instruction & Assessment of Reading	3
MATH 1200	Data & Space: Teaching Pre K-9	3
ED 4501	Clinical Field Experience 1	3
ED 4502	Clinical Field Experience 2	3
ED 4503	Clinical Field Experience 3	3
ED 4504	Clinical Field Experience 4	1
ED 4505	Clinical Field Experience 5	1
ED 4506	Clinical Field Experience 6	1
ED 4507	Clinical Field Experience 7	3
ED 4412	Portfolio Completion – Elementary/Content Tests	1
ED 4425	Early Childhood Student Teaching (6 credit course taken twice)	12
	Total Credit Hours:	**120**

Important Information

About Concordia University Wisconsin

For more than 140 years, Concordia has educated students for lives of Christian leadership and service, uniquely developing people to step out into the world ready to make an uncommon impact. While our mission has expanded over the years, our commitment to this core purpose remains. Concordia University has a long and rich history of excellence in serving Christ, the Church, and the wider world. Our university's rigorous, Christ-centered approach to education forms each student in mind, body, and spirit and prepares them to find 'uncommon' ways to meet the needs of others

Admission Requirements

Candidates will need to submit the following:

1. Completed Application
2. Determine how you will pay for the program
3. Official Transcripts from all institutions attended
4. Essay
5. Background Check
6. Must have a 3.0 GPA for full admission

Transfer Credits

Students who have completed courses at another institution may transfer up to 50% or more credits, if the courses are judged equivalent to those required for Concordia University Wisconsin's bachelor's program.

Textbook Information

Visit Concordia University Wisconsin's Bookstore at **https://www.bkstr.com/concordiawiscstore/home**

Concordia University Wisconsin Tuition Information

The tuition rate for students beginning a program in Spring 2026 is $450 per credit hour, for most programs. Concordia University Wisconsin reserves the right to raise tuition costs for future cohorts or other programs.

Important Contacts

Graduate Information Office	Dena Leonard	(262) 299–7350	**dleonard@graduateprogram.org**
Admissions Office		(262) 243-4300	**admissions@cuw.edu**
Financial Aid Office		(262) 243-4569	**finaid@cuw.edu**
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