ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To be admitted to UW-Madison with the Pre-Art Education declaration, eligibility requirements must be met. Transfers who do not meet the eligibility requirements must be admitted to UW-Madison with the Pre-Art Education declaration. Students will be provisionally admitted pending the completion of all eligibility requirements by the end of the declaration semester.

TRANSFER STUDENTS AND STUDENTS WITH A PREVIOUS DEGREE

Transfer students and students who already hold a Bachelor’s degree must be admitted to UW-Madison to enroll in a School of Education program. Admission to the campus has its own application, admission process, and application deadlines; see Office of Admissions and Recruitment (http://www.admissions.wisc.edu) for campus application information.

Students wishing to enter directly into Art Education should complete both the on-campus declaration and the UW-Madison application. All eligibility requirements must be met. Transfers who do not meet the declaration eligibility criteria will be admitted to UW-Madison with the Pre-Art Education designation.

An applicant with a previous undergraduate degree will be admitted to Art Education as a second degree candidate or as a School of Education “Special Student,” depending on their academic background. Admission as an Education Special Student indicates that the student has an interest in pursuing teacher certification in Art Education and studied this subject area extensively during their initial degree. A student enrolls in Art Education as a Special Student to complete the requirements that were not taken during the first degree; these are assessed on a case by case basis. Another degree is not awarded for this “certification only” coursework.

Second degree candidates in the School of Education are changing their academic direction and wish to complete a degree that is unrelated to their first. A large number of credits are usually required to complete the new degree requirements and a second degree is awarded upon its completion; more information is available here (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#policiesandregulationstext).

All off-campus students are strongly encouraged to meet with an advisor in the School of Education Student Services office in advance of their declaration. Consultations are available in person, virtually, or via telephone; email soeacademicsservices@education.wisc.edu or call 608-262-1651 to schedule an appointment.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Pursuant to State of Wisconsin law PI 34.018(2), the School of Education is required to administer a background check on all students entering teacher education programs. This check is intended to determine if the applicant has engaged in any behavior that endangers the health, welfare, safety, or education of PK-12 pupils. Local school districts frequently conduct background checks on teacher education students prior to the start of their in-classroom field work, and the Department of Public

NOTES:

1 Last 60 Credits Rule - Two grade point averages may be calculated to determine a candidate’s eligibility to declare. A GPA may be calculated using (1) UW-Madison and all other all transferable college level coursework attempted and (2) the last 60 credits attempted. The higher GPA of these two calculations will be used for determining eligibility. Once declared, students must earn a semester GPA of 2.75 each semester after declaration. More information on this rule is available here (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#policiesandregulationstext).

Students will be provisionally admitted pending the completion of all eligibility requirements by the end of the declaration semester.
Instruction (DPI) will also conduct a background check on each applicant for a Wisconsin educator license.

Students should be aware that background checks may be initiated by other agencies or organizations when they are seeking employment or a professional license. School administrators have the authority to determine the appropriateness of a student placement and may choose not to permit a placement based on a student's background check results.

An individual who has been deemed ineligible to participate in field or clinical experiences based on the results of their background check may not be able to complete the requirements for their degree or certification. Students with questions about these processes should contact the Teacher Education Center, tec@education.wisc.edu.