

act now to get started on your rewarding new career in teaching

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act now to pursue your new career in the classroom

Alternative Careers in Teaching

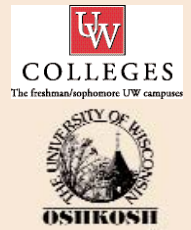
- *Convenient*
- *Personalized*
- *Rewarding*

act is a licensure program for working professionals who hold a bachelor's degree and desire a new career teaching secondary level mathematics or natural sciences in Northeastern Wisconsin.

Classes are held at:

University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac
University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley
University of Wisconsin-Manitowoc
University of Wisconsin-Marinette
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
University of Wisconsin-Sheboygan

Teaching licensure granted through the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh-An NCATE accredited institution.



There are many strong linkages and partnerships between Northeast Wisconsin's public elementary and secondary schools and the region's institutions of higher education. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our graduates who work as classroom teachers throughout the area.

Responding to shortages in the number of qualified and licensed teachers in the areas of mathematics, science, and technology, we are pleased to announce a new collaborative partnership, Alternative Careers in Teaching (*act!*), that will help address this problem. This is a paradigm-shifting new venture.

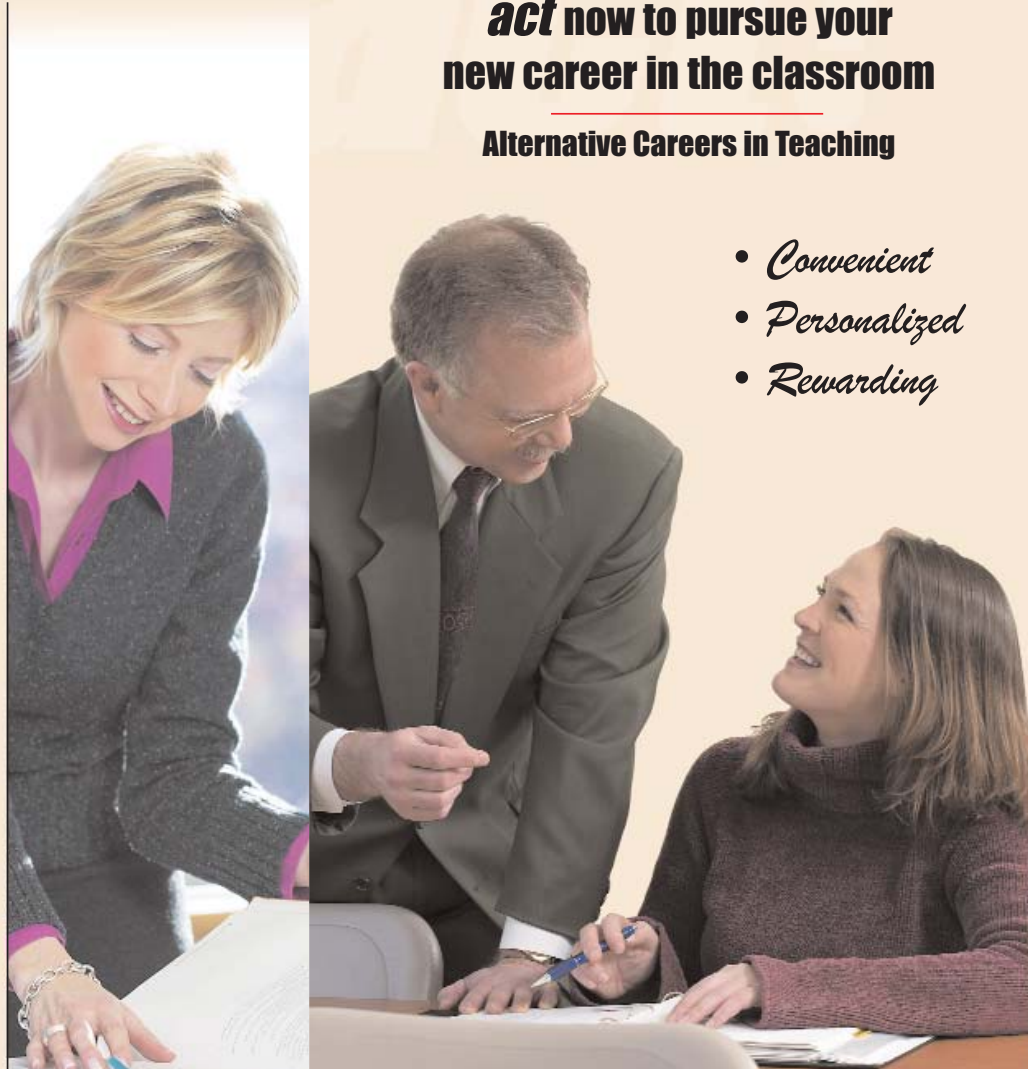
The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has approved a collaborative program involving shared efforts with the following institutions: The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and five UW Colleges: UW-Fond du Lac, UW-Fox Valley, UW-Manitowoc, UW-Marinette, and UW-Sheboygan. We share a common commitment to educating and developing teaching professionals for our public schools. This initiative is an excellent example of how higher education can work with common purpose to help advance and accomplish important objectives.

Our colleges and universities know that we have to demonstrate cooperation and support for important public priorities. This form of collaboration is central to the purposes surrounding NEW ERA. We see *act!* as one example of the many new, exciting, and innovative initiatives that will be a part of our region's future. Northeast Wisconsin is on the move, and NEW ERA is helping to define this new spirit.

Sincerely,

Jim Perry
Campus Executive Officer and Dean
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Richard Wells
Chancellor
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh





Successful But Not Satisfied?

Picture yourself making a difference in the lives of young people. Use your knowledge, earned experience and expertise in a new and exciting way. Reach beyond your bachelor's degree and work experience to a rewarding career in teaching.

Now is the time to explore **act!** Alternative Careers in Teaching, a new and exciting teacher initial licensure program specifically designed for working professionals like you.

Map Your Personal Path

Each person comes to *act* with his or her own set of work experiences and prior learning. The **act** program honors your work experience as the basis to develop your personal path to licensure based on your prior learning and earned expertise.

The stages are:

Phase I
Application-Math/Science Content Assessment-Orientation-Professional Educator Preparation
Initial development of professional educator portfolio and educator preparation.

Phase II
Professional Educator Preparation-Final Assessment
Preparation towards licensure including methodologies and content mastery. Passing score on Praxis II exam.

Phase III
Student Teaching.

act= cooperation+convenience

act is a cooperative licensure program between the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and the University of Wisconsin Colleges in Northeastern Wisconsin. The program is specifically targeted at bachelor's prepared individuals who desire a career teaching secondary level (middle and/or high school) mathematics or natural sciences. Candidates who complete the program will be licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction through UW-Oshkosh.

Your Timeline to Teacher Certification

Because the **act** program is individually tailored to each participant, progress to licensure is determined partially by the candidate's desired completion time and partially by the amount of work the candidate must accomplish to qualify for licensure. Expected completion time will vary from as short as 18 months to 3 years.

Northeast Wisconsin Needs You

Job prospects for secondary level mathematics and natural sciences teachers are excellent. Openings abound in public and private schools in rural, small community, city, and metropolitan areas across Northeastern Wisconsin. These careers offer high potential for stable, rewarding employment with good benefits.

Who is Eligible to Apply for act?

- Individuals with a bachelor's degree and a minimum of five years work experience.
- Those with a bachelor's degree in mathematics or one (or more) of the natural sciences may progress more rapidly to licensure in math or natural science than those with a non-math or science degree. Persons without a math or natural science background will require such courses to qualify to teach in either field.
- Mid-career professionals or those transitioning after many years in their field are especially sought for this program as they will bring a rich depth of experience and understanding to the classroom.

act was Designed with You in Mind

You don't have to change your whole life while on the way to changing your professional life. Progress at your own pace toward your new career in teaching, until Phase III student teaching.

The **act** program recognizes and evaluates your solid background of learning and experience. It accommodates practical considerations such as your need for:

- A world-class UW program close to home
- Alternative, adult user-friendly methods to gain the knowledge necessary to qualify for licensure
- Reasonable cost
- Abbreviated time to program completion

How Much Will it Cost?

The cost to each program participant will vary per the requirements noted in the individual's personal path to certification. Basic program costs for all candidates include an application fee ** (which includes the diagnostic testing) and an orientation seminar fee * (for the first course and development of the personal path to certification).

Remaining cost will depend on the number and types of courses/learning opportunities required to complete the personal path. Candidates with a minimum of bachelor's preparation in mathematics or the natural sciences, or those who require significant upgrading of their knowledge base in their chosen teaching field, may expect more costs due to taking more courses and course fees.

act is designed to be both convenient and affordable. Similar, non-individualized, teacher licensure programs in the Northeastern Wisconsin region have been priced from \$10,000-\$22,000 per candidate.

- * PPST assessment
- ** Praxis II exam

Please Note

- All terms and conditions are subject to change.
- Replaces all other brochures.
- Admission fee is non-refundable.
- Includes one PPST assessment.
- Includes one Praxis II assessment.

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