

EDUCATIONAL POLICY AND COMMUNITY STUDIES

The Department of Educational Policy and Community Studies at UWM provides students with a deeper understanding of education and community contexts in urban areas. The department offers a Bachelor of Science in Community Engagement and Education (CEED).

Students often choose to focus their coursework in one of the following areas:

- Alternative Education/Students Placed At Risk
- Child Care (Educator or Administrator Track)
- Community Engagement and Social Change
- Policy and Leadership in Community-Based Organizations
- Urban Education
- Youth Work

Program highlights:

- Available fully online or face-to-face, or in combination
- Courses offered in the evening, daytime, weekend, and starting late in the semester
- Students can earn up to 42 lower-division credits for prior professional educational experience
- 30-credit major (120 credits in the degree)
- Accepts many courses from associate's degree that might not otherwise transfer

Students and graduates are employed by schools, community-based organizations, charities, hospitals, and local government units in metropolitan Milwaukee. The Department does not offer licensure for teaching in K-12 public schools, but many graduates either seek post-baccalaureate certification or teach in private schools.

The degree program helps those working in schools and the community better understand the social and political contexts of their jobs and provides a range of skills for better addressing challenges. Students can also select one of four optional submajors: Child Care, Community-Based Organizations Policy and Leadership, Child and Family Services, or Community Leadership. Students may seek certificates in Community Engagement Strategies, Community-Based Organizations & Leadership, Community Leadership, and Youth Work. Licensed teachers may seek an add-on state DPI certification in Alternative Education.

Students in the department come from a range of educational and community-based backgrounds. Our students and alumni include state and local elected officials; community organizers and developers; personnel in human resource institutions, including program planners, outreach workers, and administrators; teachers and directors of community day care programs; youth workers in community and group home care; teachers and directors of alternative schools; and directors of community-based organizations.

The Bachelor of Science degree in Community Engagement and Education is also available as a second degree option. Candidates for a second degree must satisfy all current requirements for an undergraduate degree for the degree program. Some of the requirements may be met by transfer credits. Students must complete at least 30

credits in residence at UWM after the date on which the first degree is awarded. If more than 30 credits are needed to complete all degree requirements, the last 30 credits must be completed in residence.

The Department also offers a master's degree program in Cultural Foundations of Education with areas of concentration in educational foundations and multicultural education, focusing on sociological, historical, philosophical, and other frames of reference. Many of the same focus areas that are available in the CEED BS program can be pursued at a more advanced level in our MS program. Additional information about the master's degree program is available at <https://uwm.edu/education/academics/cultural-foundations-edu/>.

Programs

- Community Engagement and Education, BS (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/education/educational-policy-community-studies/community-engagement-education-bs>)
- Community Engagement and Education, BS: Child and Family Services (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/education/educational-policy-community-studies/community-engagement-education-child-family-services-bs>)
- Community Engagement and Education, BS: Child Care (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/education/educational-policy-community-studies/community-engagement-education-child-care-bs>)
- Community Engagement and Education, BS: Community Leadership (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/education/educational-policy-community-studies/community-engagement-education-community-leadership-bs>)
- Community Engagement and Education, BS: Community-Based Organizations: Policy and Leadership (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/education/educational-policy-community-studies/community-engagement-education-community-based-organizations-policy-leadership-bs>)
- Community Engagement Strategies, Undergraduate Certificate (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/education/educational-policy-community-studies/community-engagement-undergraduate-certificate>)
- Community Engagement, Minor (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/education/educational-policy-community-studies/community-engagement-minor>)
- Community Leadership, Undergraduate Certificate (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/education/educational-policy-community-studies/community-leadership-undergraduate-certificate>)
- Community-Based Organizations: Policy and Leadership, Undergraduate Certificate (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/education/educational-policy-community-studies/community-based-organizations-policy-leadership-undergraduate-certificate>)
- Cultural Foundations of Community Engagement and Education, MS (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/education/educational-policy-community-studies/cultural-foundations-community-engagement-education-ms>)
- Educational Policy, Graduate Certificate (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/education/educational-policy-community-studies/educational-policy-graduate-certificate>)
- Youth Work, Undergraduate Certificate (School of Education, Department of Educational Policy and Community Studies) (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/education/educational-policy-community-studies/youth-work-undergraduate-certificate>)

Faculty

Name	Rank	Degree	School	Graduate Faculty	Emeritus Faculty
Frank Besag	Professor	PhD	University of Southern California		✓
Michael Bonds	Associate Professor	PhD	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	✓	
Edgar Epps	Professor	PhD			✓
Raquel Farmer-Hinton	Associate Professor	PhD	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	✓	
Walter Farrell	Professor	PhD			✓
Ian Harris	Professor	EdD			✓
Florence Johnson	Senior Lecturer	PhD	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee		
Julie Kailin	Associate Professor	PhD	University of Wisconsin-Madison	✓	
Ronald Podeschi	Professor	PhD			✓
Kalyani Rai	Associate Professor	PhD	University of Wisconsin-Madison	✓	
Marie Sandy	Associate Professor	PhD	Claremont Graduate University	✓	
Aaron Schutz	Professor	PhD	University of Michigan	✓	
Rajeswari Swaminathan	Associate Professor	PhD	Syracuse University	✓	
Javier Tapia	Associate Professor	PhD	University of Arizona	✓	
Aaria Troiano	Senior Lecturer	PhD	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee		
Gary Williams	Assistant Professor	PhD	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	✓	
Henry Woessner	Associate Professor	PhD			✓