

# Dissecting Computer Science Teacher Licensing in Wisconsin

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## Introduction

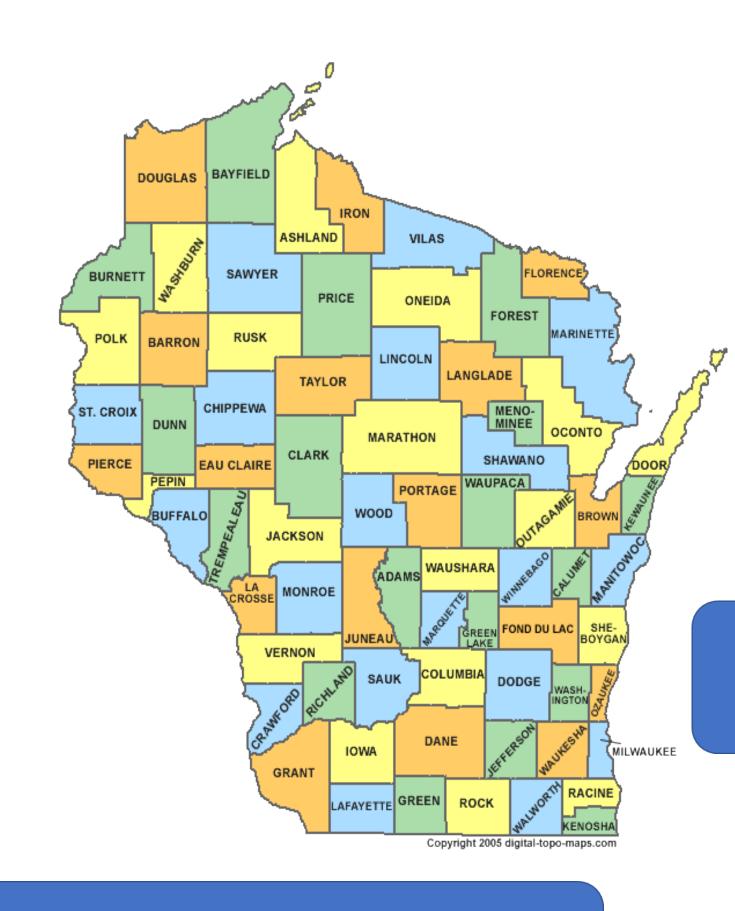
Computer Science teacher certification/licensing is very flawed and confusing in the U.S. as a whole but even more on the state level. There isn't one way to certification that would apply to everyone. Ways and requirements vary from state to state. The aim of this research is to bring attention to this flawed licensing/certification process to start the process of finding better alternatives.

# Methodology

- Formulated multi-stage questioning protocol.
- Conduct/record interviews.
- Transcribe interviews.
- Look for patterns between interviews.
- Make inferences based off patterns in the data using grounded theory.

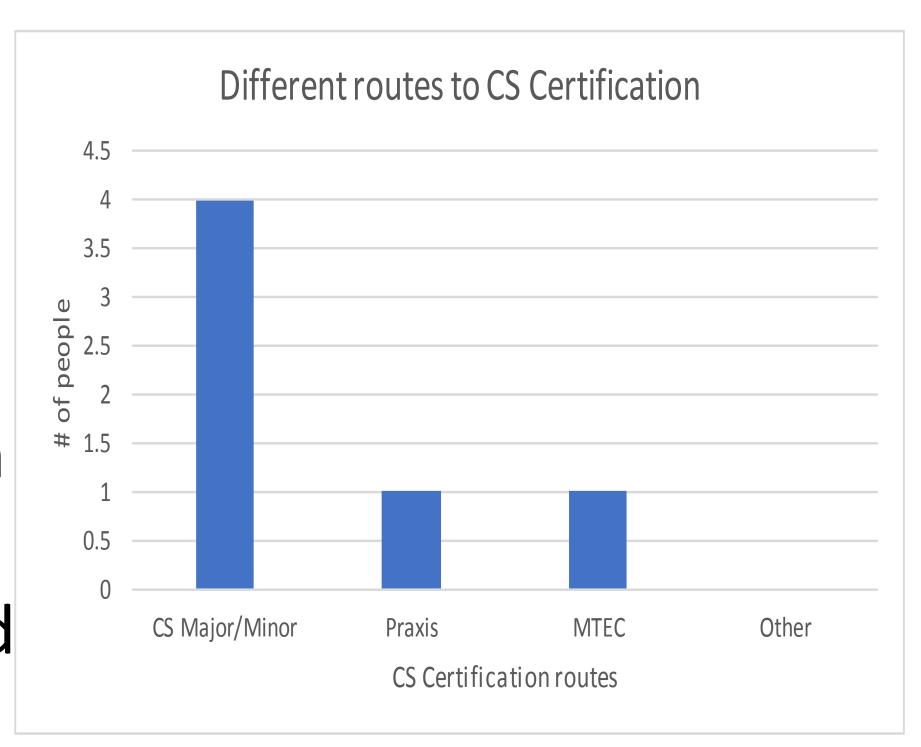
### Data

The Data set
 consists of K-12
 CS teachers all
 over Wisconsin.



### Results

- So far CS
   certification
   through
   college is the
   most common
   in the data.
- Data is skewed since most interviewees graduated in 80s or 90s.



 Although data is skewed it is very alarming since certification through college is almost non – existent now. • If college is the most common route and it's almost not existent anymore than that leaves question to how CS certifications would be obtained.

### Future Works

- Eventually collecting data from other states will be helpful to this study.
- Coming up with better solutions to the highly confusing certification process on state level and then eventually country level.

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