

Murray State University
Department of Adolescent, Career, and Special Education
BS - Area in Learning and Behavior Disorders Grades P-12 Certification
Elementary School Track Grades P-5 Certification

Student _____ M# _____ Advisor _____

UNIVERSITY STUDIES FOR B.S. DEGREE (38-43 HOURS)

Oral and Written Communication (7 Hours)	Hours	Semester	Grade
ENG 105 Critical Reading, Writing, and Inquiry	4	_____	_____
COM 161 Introduction to Public Speaking	3	_____	_____
Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills (10-15 Hours)			
One Science Course with Lab _____	4-5	_____	_____
One Math Course _____	3-5	_____	_____
Science or Math Elective _____	3-5	_____	_____
World's Historical, Literary, and Philosophical Traditions (6 Hours)			
CIV 201 or 202 World Civilization I or II	3	_____	_____
HUM 211 The Western Humanities Tradition	3	_____	_____
Global Awareness, Cultural Diversity, and the World's Artistic Traditions (3 Hours)			
Approved University Studies Course _____	3	_____	_____
Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship (6 Hours)			
Eth., Soc. Resp., or Civ. Engage. Approved Course _____	3	_____	_____
PSY 180 General Psychology	3	_____	_____
University Studies Approved Electives (6 Hours)			
CSC 199 Introduction to Information Technology ¹	3	_____	_____
<small>*Technology-Intensive Course</small>			
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REQUIRED COURSES (55 HOURS)

ART 343 Art Materials and Techniques for the Classroom Teacher	3	_____	_____
CDI 205 Introduction to Communication Disorders	3	_____	_____
EDU 481 Clinical Experiences for Elem. Sch. Tchrs.	1	_____	_____
ELE 390 Introduction to Kindergarten	3	_____	_____
ELE 411 Elementary Social Studies Methods	3	_____	_____
ELE 413 Elementary Science Methods	3	_____	_____
ELE 414 Teaching Elementary Mathematics in Grades K-2	3	_____	_____
<i>Or</i>			
ELE 415 Teaching and Learning Math in Elementary Grades 3-5	3	_____	_____
MAT 115 Mathematics for Middle and Elementary Teachers I	3	_____	_____
MAT 215 Mathematics for Middle and Elementary Teachers II	3	_____	_____
MID 270 Teaching and Learning in the Middle Grades	3	_____	_____
REA 404 Teaching Elementary Language Arts	3	_____	_____
REA 405 Children's Literature for Early and Developing Readers	3	_____	_____
REA 406 Literacy Development in Elementary School	3	_____	_____
SED 310 Char. of & Strategies for Stud. w/ Mild Dis (Fall only)	3	_____	_____
SED 350 Roles and Procedures in Special Education (Spring only)	3	_____	_____
SED 408 Functional Behavior Analysis	3	_____	_____
SED 409 Instructional Procedures-Students with MSD (Fall only)	3	_____	_____
SED 425 Content Area Literacy for Students with Mild Dis. (Fall only)	3	_____	_____
SED 455 Practicum	3	_____	_____
SED 537 Diagnostic Methods	3	_____	_____

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSES (24 HOURS)

EDU 100T Transitions	1	_____	_____
EDU 180 Exploring the Teaching Profession ²	3	_____	_____
EDU 280 Educating for Human Development ²	3	_____	_____
EDU 380 Inclusive Teaching of Diverse Learners ²	3	_____	_____
EDU 480 Effective Pedagogy ²	2	_____	_____
EDU 485 Professional Perspectives for Teaching	1	_____	_____
ELE 421 Student Teaching in Elementary P-5	7	_____	_____
<small>*Writing-Intensive Course</small>			
SED 421 Student Teaching in Special Education	7	_____	_____
<small>*Writing-Intensive Course</small>			

Total Curriculum Requirements 122-127

¹With a grade of C or better.

²With a grade of *B* or better.

IMPORTANT: Upon completion of 60 undergraduate credit hours (junior status), students enrolled or desiring enrollment in education coursework beyond 12 hours credit MUST be admitted to the Teacher Education Program. Students must be admitted to Teacher Education prior to enrollment in upper level teacher education courses.

Program Requirements

Faculty continuously assess candidates' progress toward demonstrating proficiency in the Kentucky Teacher Performance Standards using a checkpoint system: admission to teacher education, admission to student teaching, and program completion. The eligibility portfolio is assessed during the student teaching semester.

Teacher certification requirements are subject to change. Before registering for test(s), please refer to the Educational Testing Service (ETS) website for current requirements or contact your academic advisor.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION AND STUDENT TEACHING AT MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY (Revised 8-29-18)

Teacher Education

To be admitted to teacher education, students must meet these requirements.

1. Attend an admission to teacher education orientation.
2. Review the Professional Code of Ethics for Kentucky School Personnel. During the admission to teacher education orientation, sign the **Declaration of Eligibility** (pink sheet) affirming a commitment to uphold the code and acknowledging awareness of information required for state certification. If answers given on the Declaration of Eligibility change during the time of participation in the teacher education program, the Director of Teacher Education Services must be notified immediately.
3. Earn passing subject scores on one of these tests. Request ETS to send scores to Teacher Education Services electronically by using this code - R1494.
 - a) Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE): Reading 156, Writing 162, Mathematics 150
 - b) PPST (taken before 9-2-14): Reading 176, Writing 174, Math 174
 - c) GRE (Graduate Records Exam): Verbal 150, Quantitative 143, analytical Writing 4.0. This exam is for students seeking initial certification at the graduate level
4. Earn an overall undergraduate GPA of ≥ 2.75 on a 4.0 scale at the point of admission to teacher education. Maintain a 2.75 GPA throughout the entire certification program.
5. Complete a minimum of 24 credit hours with a GPA ≥ 2.75 , including this coursework:
 - a) ENG 101, 102, 104 or 105 with a "B" or higher
 - b) MAT 117 (or higher level math) with a "B" or higher
 - c) COM 161 or HON 165 with a "B" or higher
 - d) EDU 180 or equivalent course with a "B" or higher
6. Schedule an admission to teacher education interview with academic advisor.
7. Submit application in *Recruiter*. Admission will only be granted following a successful review by Teacher Education Services.

NOTE: Students who have not been admitted to Teacher Education will not be eligible to enroll in upper level courses that specify admission to teacher education as a prerequisite.

Student Teaching

To be admitted to student teaching, students must meet these requirements.

1. Gain admission to Teacher Education.
2. Attend an Admission to Student Teaching orientation.
3. Formally apply for admission to student teaching two semesters before they plan to student teach. Applications are initiated during student teaching orientations.
4. Complete the supplemental items required for student teaching in *Recruiter*. See the Teacher Education Services homepage- Student Resource Links – Help Documents
5. Earn and maintain GPA ≥ 2.75 in major/areas, professional education, and overall.
6. Demonstrate teaching ability during clinical experiences.
7. Document completion of 200 or more field hours and required components.
8. Complete all major courses and specialty areas to attain senior, post-bac, or graduate status.
9. Complete all required professional teacher education courses (EDU 180, EDU 280, EDU 380, EDU 480, EDU 485 or equivalents) with a “B” or higher.
10. File a valid and current medical examination, including a TB risk assessment within six months of student teaching.
11. Complete a criminal records background check and a Child Abuse and Neglect check.
12. Supply TES with additional information upon request (e.g. transcripts, course exception forms, etc.).

General Requirements for Kentucky Certification

Graduates who are seeking recommendation for initial Kentucky teaching certification must meet these requirements.

1. Complete an approved teacher education program including student teaching.
2. File an application for certification (CA-1) with Teacher Education Services at MSU.
3. Obtain passing scores on the PRAXIS II specialty area tests and the appropriate Principles of Learning and Teaching Test (PLT).
4. Complete all applicable computer literacy and applications requirements.
5. Earn a bachelor’s degree.
6. Pay certification fee to Kentucky Department of Education/Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness (formerly EPSB).
7. Send an official transcript to Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness (formerly EPSB).

To be recommended for certification in other states, all Kentucky requirements must be met.

Student _____

Advisor _____

Date _____

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