MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
Master of Arts in Education
Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (Birth – Primary)
Option 6 Alternative Certification

Student Name: _____

> **The admission criteria for this program will be the same as for other programs in the College of Education (see MSU Graduate Catalog) and the requirements for admission to the Option 6 Alternative Route to Certification. These requirements include passing scores on the CASE or GRE; 2.75 overall GPA or 3.0 on the last 30 hours; Declaration of Eligibility; Professional Dispositions and Skills Self Assessment and 4 C's Essay. This program is designed for students seeking initial certification while employed as a teacher. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required for completion of this program. Exit Assessment: Completion of KTIP and Pass on graduate portfolio. Pass on IECE PRAXIS 5023 (computer based) is required prior to beginning KTIP.**

Required courses

ELE	605	Intro. to Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education	3 hrs
FCS	625	Advanced Child Development	3 hrs
SED	626	Education of Young Children with Disabilities	3 hrs
EDU	639	Research to Improve Student Learning	3 hrs
SED	640	Practicum	6 hrs
SED	652	Assessment and Program Planning for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers and Families	3 hrs
SED	653	Methods and Materials for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers	3 hrs
SED	604	Special Education Procedures and Strategies for IECE	3 hrs
ELE	604	Advanced Studies in Kindergarten	3 hrs

Electives
   3 hour elective with early childhood emphasis chosen with advisor approval   3 hrs
    Recommended: SED 602 (Family-Professional Partnerships), SED 645 (Strategies for
    Students with Autism), ELE 606 (Supporting Children with Challenging Behavior), or
    ELE 620 (Introduction to the Reggio Approach to Teaching and Learning).

Total hour requirements   33 hrs

> Pass on IECE PRAXIS 5023 (computer based) is required. Teacher certification requirements are subject to change. Before registering for the test(s), please refer to the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) website at www.epsb.ky.gov for current requirements or the Division of Professional Learning at 502-564-4606 or 888-598-7667.

Continuous Assessment: Grades in ELE 605 (entry), FCS 625 (mid-point), SED 640 (exit) and pass on graduate electronic portfolio (exit) are used to measure student progress through this graduate program.
Students in the Alternative Route to Certification must meet all admission requirements according to 16 KAR 9:080. A mentoring plan is required.

Student:_____   Advisor:_____

Date:_____