MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY  
Master of Arts in Education  
Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (Birth – Primary)  
Initial 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). This program is designed for students seeking initial certification at the graduate level.**  
A minimum 3.0 GPA is required for completion of this program. Exit Assessment: Pass on graduate portfolio. Pass on IECE PRAXIS 0023 (paper based) or 5023 (computer based) is required. 

Required courses  

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<th>Course</th>
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<td>ELE 605</td>
<td>Intro. to Graduate Studies for Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education</td>
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<td>FCS 625</td>
<td>Advanced Child Development</td>
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<td>SED 626</td>
<td>Education of Young Children with Disabilities</td>
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<td>EDU 639</td>
<td>Research to Improve Student Learning</td>
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<td>*ELE 612</td>
<td>Infant and Toddler Practicum</td>
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<td>Clinical Experiences in Early Childhood</td>
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<td>SED 652</td>
<td>Assessment and Program Planning for Infants, Toddler and Preschoolers</td>
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<td>3 hour elective with early childhood emphasis chosen with advisor approval</td>
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<td>Recommended:</td>
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Total hour requirements 33 hrs 

Pass on IECE PRAXIS 0023 (paper based) or 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), ELE 612 and ELE 613 (exit) and pass on graduate electronic portfolio (exit) are used to measure student progress through this graduate program.  

*Students seeking initial certification in education (not currently certified in any educational area) must meet all admission to Teacher Education. In order to meet these requirements, students may be required to complete additional undergraduate coursework. Students seeking initial certification in education should consult with their advisor and the Director of Teacher Education for requirements. *Students seeking initial certification must complete 14 week supervised clinical experiences in early childhood (ELE 613).  

Student:_________________________       Advisor:_________________________

Date:____________________
Requirements for Admission to Teacher Education

In order to be admitted to Teacher Education students must:

1) Attend an admission to teacher education orientation and complete the following:
   (a) Pass on Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE) Passing scores Reading (5712) 156, Writing (5722) 162, Math (5732) 150.
   2.75 minimum GPA remains a requirement throughout the teacher certification program.
   (b) Have completed the following courses with grade of B or better
      (1) ENG 104 or ENG 105 or ENG 101 or ENG 102 with grade of B or higher
      (2) MAT 117 (or higher level math) with a grade of B or better
      (3) COM 161 with a grade of B or better
      (4) EDU 103 or ELE 605 with a grade of B or better

2) An interview with major academic advisor or chair (or advisor may opt to write a letter of recommendation in lieu of an interview.)

3) Complete review of the Professional Code of Ethics for Kentucky School Personnel and a Declaration of Eligibility for Certification signed by the candidate affirming a commitment to upholding the code and acknowledging awareness of information required for state certification. If answers 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.

4) Have supplied TES with any other required information

When all the above requirements have been met, the formal application can be submitted, accompanied by all required documentation. This includes official score report for the PPST requirement and a transcript showing all college work to date. Admission will only be granted following a successful review by the Admission to Teacher Education College of Education Committee.

STUDENT TEACHING

In order to be admitted to student teaching, students must:
   1) Have been granted admission to the Teacher Education program
   2) File a formal application in the Office of Teacher Education Services.
   3) Have demonstrated teaching ability in field and clinical situations
   4) Have been successfully reviewed by the Admission to Teacher Education Committee.
   5) All teacher certification student’s personal immunizations must be up to date. All students are required to have record of TB skin test and physical on file at Teacher Education Services prior to student teaching.

In order to begin student teaching, students must:
   1) Have graduate status and have completed all major courses in the program.
   2) Have been admitted to Teacher Education
   3) File a valid and current medical examination, which includes a TB test (to begin student teaching within six months of exam)
   4) Obtain a criminal records check
   5) Have supplied TES with any other required information


**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR KENTUCKY CERTIFICATION**

Any person who wishes to be recommended by MSU for an initial Kentucky teaching certificate must have:

1) Successfully completed an approved teacher education program including student teaching
2) Filed an application for certification (TC-1) with Teacher Education Services at MSU
3) IECE PRAXIS 0023 (paper-based) or 5023 (computer-based) is required for this degree
4) 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.kyepsb.net](http://www.kyepsb.net) for current requirements or contact Jaime Rice at 502-564-4606 or toll free 888-598-7667.
5) Have met all applicable computer literacy and applications requirements
6) Have an earned bachelor’s degree

In addition, in Kentucky, full certification requires the completion of the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program.

**NOTE:** Requirements for teacher certification are established by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (KEPSB). Students are cautioned that changes in these requirements may occur after publication of the Murray State University Undergraduate Bulletin. For the most current information, students should check with an advisor in one of the departments in the College of Education.