Elementary +30  
Murray State University  
Elementary (Grades P-5)  
Thirty-Hour Program for Rank I

Student Name _______________________________________  M# ____________________  
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This is a non-degree program designed to fulfill course requirements for Rank I classification. Admission to the program requires completion of the requirements for a Rank II classification. (Masters Degree or Fifth Year Programs.) The 30 credit hour program must be PREPLANNED* with one’s advisor and shall consist of graduate level courses. A minimum of 15 credit hours must be at the 600 level, and at least 15 credit hours must be taken at Murray State. Applicants must hold an Early Elementary/Elementary (K-4, P-5, 1-8) certificate or its equivalent. Courses for the 12 credit hour specialization may be selected to enhance current certification, to work toward an endorsement, or to address professional needs and interests. The student’s progress will be continuously assessed throughout the program. A minimum 3.0 grade point average is required for completion. Exit assessment: Final review of the student’s GPA and program course of study to determine that all program requirements have been fulfilled.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ~ Core Courses: (6 hours)

ELE 647 Curriculum in the Elementary School  3 _____
EDU 622 Philosophy of Education –OR-
EDP 675 Advanced Educational Psychology  3 _____

SPECIALIZATION (12 hours)

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ELECTIVES: (12 hours) Content area courses, an endorsement, or courses in accordance with the student’s Professional Growth Plan.

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TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS FOR THE PROGRAM 3 _____

The student and advisor have discussed this program and agree to the foregoing plan. *An official MSU Graduate Program Form should be completed and submitted prior to completion of the first course taken.
COURSES SUPPORTING THE SPECIALIZATION:
TEACHING FIELD/EDUCATIONAL ENDORSEMENT
Elementary Education 5th Year, MA, +30 Programs

Graduate students customize their teaching field or area of academic specialization by selecting 12 semester hours related to an educational theme. They can either select 12 semester hours from the listed courses in one program or create a unique theme. All selections must have the advisor’s approval. Please check with the experts within respective colleges if students select a content-oriented theme such as mathematics. Completing any 12 hours within a theme will meet the teaching field requirement.

SPECIALIZATIONS: COE TEACHING FIELDS
Completing 12 hours within an “In-House” program may be used for the Specialization: Teaching Fields. Completing these 12 hours will not qualify for certification or an endorsement in the teaching field.

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHING FIELD
- SED 526 Education of Young Children with Severe Disabilities
- SED 602 Family-Professional Relationships
- ELE 604 Advanced Studies in Kindergarten
- ELE 607 Research in Early Childhood Education
- FCS 525 Advanced Child Development Programs
- FCS 527 Parenting

LIBRARY/MEDIA TEACHING FIELD
- LIB 601 Learning and Libraries
- LIB 604 Libraries in the School Curriculum
- LIB 610 Collection Management
- LIB 617 Research in Young Adult Literature
- EDU 606 Preparation of Curriculum Materials
- ELE 616 Readings and Research in Children’s Literature

READING AND WRITING TEACHING FIELD
This specialization does not lead to the reading/writing endorsement
- REA 623 Enrichment in Reading
- REA 628 Literacy Assessment (prerequisite REA 612)
- REA 638 Assessment and Instruction of Children with Reading Difficulties (prerequisite REA 612)
- REA 618 Content Area Reading/Writing
- REA 624 Kentucky Reading Project (students must apply)
- ENG 604/ENG 605 Purchase Area Writing Project I (students must apply)
- ELE 615 Poetry for Children
- ELE 602 Language Arts: Current Issues and Research
- ELE 616 Readings and Research in Children’s Literature

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING FIELD
- SED 625 Strategies for Mild Disabilities
- SED 615 Collaboration Skills for Educators
- SED 602 Family and Professional Partnerships
- REA 628 Literacy Assessment (prerequisite REA 612)
- SED 605 Characteristics and Needs of Children and Youth with Mild Disabilities
- SED 540 Procedures for Classroom Management and Discipline
SPECIALIZATIONS: EDUCATIONAL ENDORSEMENTS
Students may select from these courses to meet the teaching field requirement. **To earn an endorsement, students must follow the required course selection.**

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT

Requirements
- EDU 515 Introduction to Environmental Education (fall semester)
- EDU 664 Techniques of Teaching Environmental Education (spring semester)

Choose ONE
- EDU 663 Workshops in Environmental Education (repeatable to 9 hrs.)
- EDU 665 Field Experiences in Environmental Education (summer semester)

Choose ONE
- EDU 620 Internship in Environmental Education
- EDU 660 Special Problems in Environmental Education (repeatable to 6 hrs.)
- EDU 663 Workshops in Environmental Education (repeatable to 9 hrs.)
- EDU 667 Environmental Education in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland (summer semester)
- EDU 668 Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom

GIFTED EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT

Requirements
- EDU 691 Nature and Needs of Gifted Students
- EDU 692 Methods and Materials for Teaching Gifted Students
- EDU 694 Practicum in Gifted Education (prerequisite EDU 691, EDU 692 and one of the following EDU 655, EDU 693, or EDU 695)

Choose ONE
- EDU 655 Creativity in Teaching
- EDU 693 Educational Programs for the Gifted
- EDU 695 Multicultural Gifted Education

INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY ENDORSEMENT

Choose 12 hours
- EDU 606 Preparation of Curriculum Materials
- EDU 626 Integrating Educational Technology
- CTE 576 Emerging Trends in Instructional Technology
- SED 614 Advanced Instructional Technology in Special Education
- ADM 670 Educational Applications of Technology

SCHOOL SAFETY ENDORSEMENT

Requirements:
- ADM 675 Introduction to Alternative Education Settings
- ADM 677 Crisis Management in Educational Settings
- GUI 687 Introduction to Guidance

Choose ONE
- EDU 625 Theory and Practice in Classroom Management
- SED 540 Procedures for Classroom Management and Discipline
- SED 651 Social Competence for Safe Environments