

DEPARTMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION

Requirements to Become a Teacher

A candidate desiring to become a teacher must satisfy the requirements of the selected teacher education program.

The basic requirements are that the candidate:

1. meet the requirements necessary to be admitted to Teacher Education;
2. meet the requirements necessary to be admitted to Student Teaching;
3. complete the general education program for Teacher Education;
4. complete the professional education program for teacher education;
5. meet the Kansas State Department of Education [KSDE] requirements to be approved for recommendation for a teaching license;
6. achieve a passing score on the Principles of Learning and Teaching Test (PLT); and
7. a passing score on the subject assessment test required by the KSDE.

The procedures to be followed in pursuing a program which culminates in a recommendation for a teaching license are below.

Admission to Teacher Education

A candidate pursuing a teacher licensure program should seek admission to teacher education during the sophomore year. Admission to teacher education is required prior to enrolling in restricted upper-division education courses. The application form may be obtained from the Teacher Licensure Office or online at <http://www.fhsu.edu/cert/> (<http://www.fhsu.edu/cert/>). Candidates who do not hold a bachelor's degree must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 including a minimum of 36 semester hours of general education credits at the time of application. These are to include:

Code	Title	Hours
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
COMM 100	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
MATH 110	College Algebra (or higher)	3
MATH 250 or MATH 350	Elements of Statistics Mathematical Statistics	3

A minimum grade of "C" is required in these basic skills courses. Candidates who hold a bachelor's degree must have a 2.75 GPA on the last 60 hours of college credit or a cumulative GPA of 2.75. Enrollment in these courses during the semester of application is acceptable with final admission to Teacher Education contingent upon completion with a grade of "C" or better. Additional requirements are listed on Teacher Education website.

Admission to Student Teaching

A candidate who has been admitted to teacher education must apply for admission to Student Teaching prior to February 15 if the student plans to student teach in the fall semester or prior to September 15 if the candidate plans to student teach in the spring semester. The application

form may be obtained from the Teacher Licensure Office or online at <http://www.fhsu.edu/cert/>. Requirements for admission to Student Teaching are:

1. admission to Teacher Education;
2. indication of adequate preparation in teaching fields to perform the student teaching assignments;
3. attainment of a grade index of 2.75 in all coursework;
4. attainment of a grade index of 2.75 in coursework completed in teaching field(s) or meet departmental grade point average requirements if higher;
5. no grade lower than "C" in professional education courses;
6. favorable recommendation from the department in the candidate's area(s) of teaching;
7. submission of credential file to Career Services; and
8. approval for admission to Student teaching by the Council on Preparation of Teachers and School Personnel.