

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (PREK-6)

<https://www.fhsu.edu/teachereducation/>

~ TRADITIONAL PROGRAM

- One semester of student teaching
- Cannot serve as teacher of record while in the program
- Available 100% online
- 2.75 GPA required for admission
- Undergraduate program leading to bachelor's degree

~ MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

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- Requires a Bachelor's degree to begin (check website for admission requirements)
- Cannot serve as teacher of record until successfully completing licensure courses and exams
- One semester of student teaching
- Available 100% online
- 36 credit hours: 27 hours (licensure); additional 9 hours and comprehensive exam (MSE degree)

~ TRANSITION TO TEACHING (PREK-6)

- Requires a Bachelor's degree to apply
- Eligible for a Limited Elementary Apprentice License (LERP) after successfully completing a "preliminary semester" of coursework
- Must have offer of employment in Kansas as elementary teacher to obtain LERP License.
- Available 100% online
- 36 credit hours: 10 hours (LERP licensure); additional 17 hours (full licensure); added 9 hours and comprehensive exam (MSE degree)

EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED (0-Age 8)

- One semester of student teaching
- Cannot serve as teacher of record while in the program
- Available 100% online
- Undergraduate program leading to bachelor's degree
- Licensure for regular education/special education



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ROUTES TO BECOMING A TEACHER



**FORT HAYS STATE
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SPECIAL EDUCATION (PREK-12)

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HIGH INCIDENCE SPED

~ ALREADY LICENSED TEACHER:

- Can work as a special education teacher in Kansas on a Waiver then with a provisional license upon completion of three specific classes
- Available 100% online
- Graduate Program: 27 credit hours for licensure, 36 hours to earn Master's degree

~ FOR NON-LICENSED TEACHER (LRL):

- Must have one year of work experience as a paraprofessional
- Must have offer of employment as a special education teacher in Kansas
- Will work under Limited Residency License (LRL) while completing the 2-3 year program
- Must hold a Bachelor's degree and have 2.50 GPA on most recent 60 credit hours
- Available 100% online
- Graduate program: 36 hour Master's degree

~ MINOR:

- Available to candidates to complete concurrently with our traditional programs
- 18 undergraduate credit hours
- Available 100% online
- Eligible for full endorsement in special education (K-6) upon completion

GIFTED

- Must be a licensed teacher
- Can work as a Gifted special education teacher in Kansas on a Waiver, then with a provisional license upon completion of three specific classes
- Available 100% online
- Graduate Program: 15 credit hours for licensure, 36 hour Master's degree

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

To get a teaching license in Kansas, you must pass:

- A Subject Area Assessment for your licensure area
- A performance assessment (PPAT) during the final practicum or student teaching



GETTING STARTED

- First review the program requirements on the website
- Contact the Coordinator of the program for step-by-step instructions to move forward
- Apply to FHSU online at www.fhsu.edu/admissions
- Work with your assigned advisor regarding your Plan of Study

ARE THESE ONLINE PROGRAMS AND MUST I LIVE IN KANSAS?

Transition to Teaching and High Incidence SPED (LRL) programs require employment in Kansas. Most of the traditional secondary content areas require some on campus classes. Elementary Education (both undergrad and grad), Early Childhood Unified, Business, Spanish, History, Gifted, and High Incidence SPED are available 100% online and do not require Kansas residency.

SECONDARY EDUCATION (GRADES 6-12 OR PREK-12)

TRADITIONAL PROGRAM

- Available for most subject areas
- Business, History, and Spanish are available 100% online
- Undergraduate Program: 17 credit hours of education classes plus the courses within the content field and one semester of student teaching
- Bachelor's degree required for licensure
- One semester of student teaching
- Contact the academic department for more info.

TRANSITION TO TEACHING (T2T)

Mr. Kyler Barlow, Academic Program Specialist
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- Program available for most subject areas
- Must hold a Bachelor's degree in a specific subject area or equivalent coursework
- Must pass relevant Praxis test
- Must be hired as teacher of record in Kansas in the qualified subject area (no student teaching)
- Must have 2.75 GPA on most recent 60 credit hours
- 2 year program with coursework 100% online
- Graduate Program: 24 credit hours for licensure, 36 hours and comprehensive exam (MSE degree)

MASTER OF SCIENCE - SECONDARY EDUCATION

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- Offered in Business, History, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth and Space Science, Middle-Level Science, and Foreign Languages
- Must hold a Bachelor's degree in one of the above subject areas or equivalent coursework
- Available 100% online
- One semester of student teaching (student's local or neighboring community)
- Graduate Program: 27 hours (licensure), additional 9 hours and comprehensive exam (MSE degree)