

TRANSITION TO TEACHING

The T2T program is designed to fill teaching vacancies in school districts through an alternate route to teacher licensure. It includes the recruitment and training of mid-career professionals seeking a career change to enter the teaching profession. The T2T program uses the restricted license and has developed an on-line professional education curriculum meeting all of the Kansas Professional Education Standards.

HOW DO I BEGIN?

Contact Mrs. Kerry Schuckman, FHSU Licensure Officer, 785-628-4542 or kschuckm@fhsu.edu. Send or fax copies of transcripts to her and she will complete a transcript analysis to determine if you qualify for the program. If qualified, locate a teaching position within your content area. You may contact local school districts directly, attend the FHSU Teacher Career Fair in April or go to www.kansasteachingjobs.com.

After a position is secured, you'll need to complete the KSDE application for a restricted teaching license (\$36*) and be fingerprinted (\$44*). A Plan of Study will be created outlining required courses you will take.

**current fee rates*



ADMISSION PROCESS

The admission process is a collaborative effort with the applicant, a school district, and Fort Hays State University. The applicant must complete the KSDE Application (Form 9). Submit to FHSU Licensure Office with:

- All official transcripts
- Fees (Application, Fingerprinting)
- Master Class Schedule
- Signed Plan of Study

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

An undergraduate or graduate degree in the content area or equivalent coursework in the area for which the restricted license is sought. Have at least 2.5 cumulative GPA. Graduate School requires 2.50 on last 60 hours. Show verification that a school district has made an offer for employment in the content area for which the restricted license is sought.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- A content test must be passed by the end of the first year of teaching.
- By the end of the three years, must pass a pedagogy test, Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT).
- Must make appropriate progress each year towards completion of the plan.
- Must attain 2.50 GPA each year in those courses specified in the plan to continue. The program consists of 26 graduate hours in education, including 6 hours of practicum.
- Must obtain minimum grade of "C" in each course.

MASTER'S IN EDUCATION

A Master of Science in Education can be obtained by applying 24 hours from the T2T program towards the degree. An additional 14 hours of core courses are required. Contact Dr. Germaine Taggart at gtaggart@fhsu.edu or 628-4204 for more information.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I substitute some of the education courses I've already had for the required courses in the program?

If completing the graduate track, you must take all 26 hours – no substitutions are allowed.

What if I have a few course deficiencies of meeting FHSU's content area program?

You are allowed to be lacking no more than 9 credit hours of content coursework.

What is the tuition I will pay?

FHSU's tuition continues to be one of the lowest in the state. The courses are all graduate level. Check www.fhsu.edu/sfs/tf/index.shtml for current tuition rates. Three classes are through Wichita State University and are their tuition rate.

When can I get into the program?

The program is geared toward those people that are hired to begin teaching jobs in August. You will be required to attend an Induction course during the summer prior to the beginning of the school year. Accommodations can be made for those hired to begin teaching in January.

Will I be required to attend classes in Hays?

The greatest benefit of this program is that all courses are online, except for the four day Induction in Hays prior to starting your first year.



Who will teach the classes?

They will all be taught by qualified education faculty at Fort Hays State University and Wichita State University in this collaborative program.

What type of teaching license will I have?

During the three years of the program, you will have a Restricted Teaching License. Once you complete the program, then you will be eligible to apply for a two year Conditional Teaching License.

THOSE WHO KNOW

  The Transition to Teaching program has greatly benefited our school. There are certain subject areas experiencing a teacher shortage. Transition to Teaching allows people with degrees but no teaching credentials the opportunity to teach, and it helps the schools that would otherwise have difficulty finding teachers in those subjects. If you have someone in your community with a degree who wants to teach, but they don't have a license, this program might be your answer.

**-Fred Joy, Transition to Teaching Supervisor
Palco High School**

I have nothing but good things to say about this program. It has allowed us to get people into the classroom that are doing great things for kids. I highly recommend the program. It has not been a lot of extra work for me as an administrator. FHSU does a great job of helping us with any questions we might have.

**-Aaron Homburg, Superintendent
Paradise USD 399- Natoma**

As a superintendent, I am extremely grateful for this program. The Transitions program affords districts the opportunity to recruit talented college graduates and quickly get them in the classroom, while they work on obtaining their professional teaching license. In these days of a nationwide teacher shortage, this is an excellent higher education service.

**-Mark Crawford, Superintendent
USD 210- Hugoton**



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Fort Hays State University is in compliance with Title II of the Higher Education Act (HEA), Section 207 (f)(1) and (2) which requires disclosure to the State and general public an Institutional Report Card on the quality of teacher preparation. FHSU had a 93 percent pass rate for the PLT assessment for our 98 education program completers for the 2005-2006 report year. The aggregate pass rate in Kansas for the PLT was 97 percent. The average number of hours per week of supervised student teaching at FHSU was 35 and our student/faculty ratio in supervised student teaching was 6.55. FHSU's teacher education programs are accredited by the Kansas State Department of Education, NCATE, NCA and AACTE. The full report is available at www.fhsu.edu/coe/about.shtml or by requesting a paper copy from the College of Education and Technology at 785-628-4542.

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