

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
USD 269 - Palco

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
USD 399 - Paradise

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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For more information about the Transition to Teaching program in the College of Education and Technology, please visit www.fhsu.edu/cert/t2t

Fort Hays State University provides T2T licensure programs in: Agriculture, Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, English, Family and Consumer Science, German, History, Journalism, (History, Math, and Science in grades 5-8), Music, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Spanish and Technology Education.



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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, 786-628-4542 or kschuckm@fhsu.edu or Ms. Brandie Bieker, T2T Program Specialist, 785-628-5498 or bmbieker@fhsu.edu. Send or fax copies (785-628-4447) of transcripts, and a transcript analysis will be completed to determine if you qualify for the program. If qualified, you must 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 you secure a position, you'll need to complete the Kansas State Department of Education application for a restricted teaching license and be fingerprinted. A Plan of Study will be created outlining required courses.



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) and submit to FHSU Licensure Office with:

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

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1.) Have an undergraduate or graduate degree in the content area or equivalent coursework in the area for which the restricted license is sought. 2.) Have at least 2.50 cumulative GPA. FHSU's Graduate School requires 2.50 on last 60 hours. 3.) 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

- Passing score on a content test by the end of the first year of teaching.
- Passing score on a pedagogy test, Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT), by the end of the program.
- Make appropriate progress each year toward completion of the plan.
- KSDE requires maintaining a 2.5 GPA, in addition FHSU Graduate School requires maintaining a 3.0.
- Earn a grade of "C" or better in each course.

MASTER'S IN EDUCATION

A Master of Science in Education can be obtained by applying 24 hours from the T2T program toward the degree. An additional 14 hours of core courses are required. Contact Dr. Jim Barrett at jbarrett@fhsu.edu or 785-628-4413 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?

The graduate track does not allow substitutions; you must take all required courses.

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

KSDE requires all content coursework to be met prior to qualifying for the program.

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. If choosing the three year plan, three classes are taken online through Wichita State University and you pay 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 on-campus 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 if completing the three year collaborative program.

What type of teaching license will I have?

You will have a Restricted Teaching License while in the program. Once you complete the program and meet KSDE licensure requirements, you will be eligible to apply for a two-year Initial Teaching License.

