

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 chance to enter the teaching profession. The T2T program uses the restricted license and has developed an online professional education curriculum meeting all of the Kansas Professional Education Standards. FHSU's education programs are fully accredited by NCATE and the Kansas State Department of Education.

Candidates in the program are provided direction and support for learning classroom management, lesson planning, technology applications and student assessment as well as how to work with diverse learners.

Available Programs

Fort Hays State University provides T2T licensure programs in the following areas:

- Agriculture
- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Earth and Space Science
- English
- English, History, Math and Science in grades 5-8
- Family and Consumer Science
- German
- History
- Journalism
- Math
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish
- Technology Education
- School Counselor

Elementary Education, Early Childhood Unified and Special Education are not eligible areas for the T2T program. However, they are available online from FHSU.

Courses

Year 1

- Introduction (4 day, on campus), 2 hrs Summer
- Introduction to Teaching, 3 hrs Summer
- Understanding the Learner, 3 hrs Fall
- Supervised Practicum, 1 hr Fall
- Planning for Instruction, 3 hrs Spring
- Supervised Practicum, 1 hr Spring

Year 2

- Understanding the Foundations of Education, 2 hrs Summer
- Improving Instruction Through Reading/Writing, 2 hrs Summer
- Working with Diverse Exceptional Learners, 3 hrs Fall
- Supervised Practicum, 1 hr Fall
- Becoming a Reflective Teacher 2 hrs Spring
- Supervised Practicum, 1 hr Spring

Optional Courses for MSE Degree:

- Educational Research, 3 hrs
- Curriculum Planning and Evaluation, 3 hrs
- Utilization Technology in Classrooms, 3 hrs
- Educational Leadership, 3 hrs



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The alternative route to teacher licensure in Kansas



Eligibility Requirements

- Have an undergraduate or graduate degree or equivalent coursework in the content area for which the restricted license is sought.
- Have at least a 2.75 grade point average on the last 60 hours of coursework.
- Have an offer for employment from a state accredited public or private Kansas school in the content area for which the restricted license is sought.
- Obtain passing score on a subject area assessment (content) test before a license will be issued. Tests are valid for up to 6 years after the beginning date of a new test as long as the old test was taken and passed prior to the beginning date of the new test.
- Complete a supervised practical training experience. (Substitute teaching or para work can count.)
- Heritage language speakers qualify to teach their native language.

To Begin

Contact Kerry Schuckman, 785-628-4542, kschuckm@fhsu.edu, or Sherry Spangler, 785-628-5498, slspangler@fhsu.edu. Send or fax copies of transcripts, and a transcript analysis will be completed to determine if you qualify for the program. If course deficiencies exist, you will be given an analysis that details the courses you need to complete.

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 the spring or go to www.kansasteachingjobs.com.

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Application Process

The application process is a collaborative effort among the applicant, a school district and Fort Hays State University.

- Once hired, the applicant must complete Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) Form 9, Application for Restricted Teaching License, and submit fingerprint card and fee.
- The applicant must submit to the FHSU Licensure Office:
 - Copies of all transcripts
 - Signed Plan of Study
- Admission to FHSU Graduate School:
 - Apply at: <http://www.fhsu.edu/academic/gradschl/apply>
 - If degree seeking, submit all official transcripts. If non-degree seeking, submit a copy of bachelor's degree transcript.
 - 2.5 GPA on last 60 hours of undergraduate credit required for graduate school.



Program Requirements

- Make appropriate progress each year toward completion of the Plan of Study.
- Earn a grade of "C" or better in each course. KSDE requires maintaining a 2.75 GPA while in the program. FHSU Graduate School requires maintaining a 3.0 GPA.
- Obtain passing score on a pedagogy test, Principles of Learning and Teaching, by the end of the program for licensure.
- Obtain passing score on Kansas Performance Teaching Portfolio for licensure. This requirement is completed during the Becoming a Reflective Teacher course.
- Complete the program in two years.



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 12 hours of online core courses are required. Contact Dr. Jim Barrett at jbarrett@fhsu.edu or 785-628-4413 for more information.



Words from Alumni

"We not only have unique expertise in our fields due to undergraduate degrees in our contents, but we are able to go straight into teaching while pursuing graduate level degrees. In my experience, administrators are greatly supportive of the T2T program because we are able to learn how to be better teachers while simultaneously incorporating the strategies we learn. Our education classes at FHSU are that much more meaningful to us, as opposed to traditionally educated teachers, because we are living the life of an educator AND student every day."

—Mardi Pritchett, Spanish Teacher, Colby High School

In response to a lesson: "This module has underscored the deep love of teaching that I have developed, as well as the heartfelt investment I'm starting to have in my students' education and growth. I feel that I'm beginning to tread water and breathe, plan instead of respond and be proactive instead of reactive. I'm looking forward to using these last several weeks to grow and my summer to plan."

—Toby Tyner, History teacher, Stucky Middle School

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 mid-states region. The courses are taken at the graduate level. Check http://www.fhsu.edu/sfs/students_parents/tuition/ for current tuition rates.

When can I start the program?

The program is geared toward candidates who 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 class in Hays prior to starting your first year.

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 Professional Teaching License.

What support will I have throughout the program?

FHSU will provide a university supervisor who visits your classroom each semester, and your school will assign a mentor to work with you.

May I begin taking the courses before I have a job?

You may take the Induction and Introduction to Teaching courses, but cannot continue with coursework until you are under contract with a school.

Will a school district hire me without having a teaching license?

Most districts are aware that this is an alternative licensure program and getting a license is contingent upon being hired. A letter of acceptance will be provided to you.