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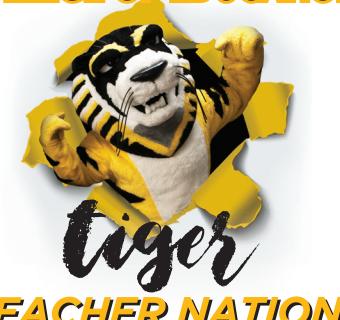
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ROUTES TO BECOMING A TEACHER

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



EXPLORE OPTIONS ...

**TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS
WITH STUDENT TEACHING**

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES
WITH ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCES**

Elementary Education (K-6)

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

Traditional Program

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

Master of Science in Education

- Requires bachelor's degree to begin
- Cannot serve as teacher while in program
- One semester of student teaching
- Available 100% online
- 3.00 GPA on last 60 credit hours required
- Graduate program: 27 credit hours for licensure, 36 hours to earn Master's degree in education (MSE)

Early Childhood Unified

(ECU) (Birth-Age 8)

- One semester of student teaching
- Cannot serve as teacher while in program
- Available 100% online
- 71 credit hours within the major
- Undergraduate program leading to bachelor's degree

Special Education (PreK-12)

<https://sites.google.com/mail.fhsu.edu/special-education-programs>

High Incidence

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: 24 credit hours for licensure, 36 hours to earn Master's degree

For non-licensed teacher (LAL Program):

- Must have one year of work experience as a paraprofessional
- Must be employed as a special education teacher in Kansas
- Will work under Limited Apprentice License (LAL) while completing the program
- 2-3 year program
- Available 100% online
- Graduate program: 36 hour Master's degree

Minor through Teacher Education Dept:

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

Gifted

- Must be 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

Let's get started...

What else should I know about becoming a teacher?

To get a first teaching license in Kansas, you must pass two licensure tests, at a minimum: 1) a Subject Area Assessment for the licensure area, 2) Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT), a pedagogy test. A performance assessment (PPAT) must be completed during the final practicum or student teaching.

Why FHSU?

Cost and Flexibility...we continually offer one of the lowest tuitions in the Midwest and most of our education programs can be completed online.

How do I get started in one of the Graduate programs?

1. First review the program requirements on the website
2. Contact the Coordinator of the program for step-by-step instructions to move forward
3. Apply to FHSU Graduate School and make sure you meet their requirements as well
4. Work with your assigned advisor regarding your Plan of Study

Can I complete these programs online or while living out of state?

Transition to Teaching and High Incidence SPED (LAL) 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, 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 www.fhsu.edu/cert/

- Agriculture, Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Earth & Space Science, English, German, History, Math, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Spanish, Technology
- Business education and Spanish are available 100% online
- Program length varies from 30-75 credit hours, depending on major
- Undergraduate program: 17 credit hours of education classes plus one semester of student teaching...available 100% online
- Bachelor's degree required for licensure
- Cannot serve as teacher while in program

Transition to Teaching (T2T)

www.fhsu.edu/cert/t2t/

- Program available for most subject areas
- Must hold a bachelor's degree in a specific subject area or coursework equivalent to a major in a subject area
- Must pass relevant Praxis test
- Must be hired as teacher of record in Kansas in the qualified subject area
- Must have 2.75 GPA on most recent 60 credit hours
- 2 year program. Coursework 100% online
- Graduate program: 24 cr hrs for licensure, 36 hrs for Master's degree in education

Master of Science – Secondary Education

www.fhsu.edu/teachereducation

Same basic requirements as T2T, but do not have to be hired as a teacher or live in Kansas to complete the program. Student teaching is required.

Graduate program: 27 cr hrs for licensure, 36 hrs for Master's degree in education