

## Evidence 3.3.7 Initial Cert Ed Programs Admission Criteria

### Undergraduate Education Programs Admissions Information

Students should enroll in the EDU 104 course during their first or second semester at NKU. After successful completion of the EDU 104 course and the specific course prerequisites, students can take the following education courses:

- EDU 300 — pre-req: PSY 100
- EDU 305 — pre-req: EDU 104
- EDU 313 — co-req: Admission Field Experience (EDU 303, 307, 309, or 311)
- EDS 360 — pre-req: PSY 100

### Criteria for the Admissions Field Experience

- Complete 45 semester hours of college coursework
- Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale OR a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the last thirty (30) hours of credit completed.
- Successfully complete the Praxis CASE tests administered by the Educational Testing Service (ets.org) with the corresponding minimum scores:
  - Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (5712) — 156
  - Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing (5722) — 162
  - Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics (5732) — 150
- Successfully complete a background check.
- Complete the required application for admission.

### To receive admission to the teacher education program a student must have:

- Earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale OR a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the last thirty (30) hours of credit completed.
- Achieved at least a B in ENG 291 or equivalent or passed the writing sample examination.
- Achieved at least a B in CMST 101 or equivalent.
- Achieved at least a C in EDU 300, EDU 305, EDU 313, and EDS 360.
- Achieved a "P" in the Admissions Field Experience (EDU 303, EDU 307, EDU 309, or EDU 311).
- Demonstrate the following skills: critical thinking, communication, creativity, and collaboration. Demonstration of these skills will be determined in the following manner:
  - **Communication:** CMST 101 and ENG 291 with a grade of B or better, or passed the writing sample evaluation.
  - **Creativity:** Completion of any course under "Culture & Creativity: Arts and Humanities" with a grade of "C" or better.
  - **Critical Thinking:** Completion of any course under "Scientific & Quantitative Inquiry: Natural Science OR Mathematics & Statistics" OR any course from "Self & Society: Individual and Society" with a grade of "C" or better.
  - **Collaboration:** Completion of Admissions Field Experience with a grade of "P".
- Earned 60 semester hours of course work.
- Signed a curriculum contract.
- Received approval of the Teacher Education Committee.

- Presented an approved portfolio

## **Master of Arts in Teaching Admission Requirements- Graduate Initial Certification**

### **Phase I: Pre-Admission**

To be considered for admission to the MAT program, please submit the following items to the Teacher Education Graduate Office (MEP 263C):

1. A supplemental MAT program application available online on the College of Education & Human Services website, <https://nku.edu/content/dam/coehs/newdocs/teachered/MATSuppApp.pdf>.
2. A letter to the MAT admissions committee that includes a brief autobiography; a description of personal and/or professional experiences related to the planned certification area; and teaching or other experiences with children other than in a family setting.
3. A current resume that includes work experience, prior education, and experience working with children other than in a family setting, whether through work or volunteerism.
4. An unofficial copy of all college transcripts from regionally accredited institutions documenting all undergraduate and graduate coursework. You must have an earned undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or 3.0 in the last 30 hours of undergraduate study.

Once the four pre-admissions documents are received, the Teacher Education Graduate Office will evaluate your transcripts relative to the content area you intend to teach and will schedule a panel interview by the MAT admissions committee.

An authorized faculty member of Northern Kentucky University will evaluate your transcript. You will be notified by the Teacher Education Graduate Office when the transcript evaluation is complete. If the evaluation indicates that additional content area coursework is needed, you will be required to complete the necessary undergraduate coursework for that certification area before being fully admitted to the MAT program. No content course in which a grade below C was earned may be accepted as part of the content area, and the certification GPA (combined both previously earned credit as well as new credits required as a result of the transcript evaluation) must be no lower than 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Applicants will complete a panel interview by the MAT admissions committee and an on-demand written essay to assess an applicant's qualifications, dispositions, and ability to communicate clearly. The MAT admission committee will review all applicants' files and make preliminary admissions decisions based on materials submitted, the panel interview, and the on-demand written essay. Pre-admission applicants will receive written notification of the MAT admissions committee's decisions. Those with positive recommendation will also receive instructions outlining the procedures for application and admission (Phase II) to the program. The committee will review all available data to assess the fit and overall potential of the candidate for success in the program before making a final offer of admission.

### **Phase II: Application and Admission**

When applicants receive a positive recommendation in Phase I (Pre-Admission) from the MAT admissions committee, they continue to Phase II (Application and Admission). To be considered for Phase II (Application and Admission) to the MAT program, please submit the following items to the Office of Graduate Education:

1. NKU application for graduate admission.

2. Official transcripts from all institutions attended sent directly from the universities.
3. Three letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to your potential for teaching.
4. A criminal and federal background check. Recommended service to be used is <https://portal.castlebranch.com/nq45>.
5. Official notification of appropriate Praxis II content exam(s) with the minimum score required by the state of Kentucky. To register, go to: <http://www.ets.org> and look for Tests Required for Specific Licensure Areas under Kentucky state requirements.
6. Transcript(s) showing completion of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with the grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale, or a GPA of at least 3.0 in the last 30 semester hours of coursework.
7. Successful completion of the Praxis CASE (Core Academic Skills for Educators) test, administered by the Educational Testing Service, with minimum passing scores as follows:
  - a. Reading - 156
  - b. Mathematics - 150
  - c. Writing – 162

OR

Official notification of Graduate Record Exam (GRE) with the following minimum scores:

- a. Verbal Reasoning 150
- b. Quantitative Reasoning 143
- c. Analytical Writing 4.0