

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

**Option 6 Certification (Non-Degree) for
Moderate to Severe Disabilities (MSD) P-12
CURRICULUM CONTRACT**

Last Name First

Maiden and/or Nickname

Initial Area of Certification

ID #

Email

Phone

Advisor Assigned _____ Catalog Year _____

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Candidates must minimally meet requirements for admission to NKU as a graduate non-degree seeking student as well as additional requirements in order to complete a certification program in Teacher Education and be enrolled in an Option 6 program. Candidates may be enrolled in an additional or other graduate program (MA, Ed.S. etc.) if they meet the admission requirements of their selected program in addition to the Option 6 MSD program.

1. Official transcripts from all institutions attended showing completion of at least a bachelor's degree or an rea of teacher certification from an accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 2.75, or GPA of 3.00 on a 4.0 scale in the last thirty (30) hours of credit completed, including undergraduate and graduate coursework. This GPA requirement applies to both the cumulative GPA and the content area GPA.
2. Completion of GRE - Verbal with a minimum score of 150; Quantitative with a minimum score of 143; and Analytical Writing with a minimum score of 4.0 OR Completion of Praxis Core Academic Skill for Educators – Reading with a minimum of 156, Mathematics with a minimum of 150 and Writing with a minimum of 162.
4. Statement of Professional Goals demonstrating applicant's use of critical thinking, communication, creativity, and collaboration
5. Signed Codes of Ethics for Kentucky School Personnel and College of Education and Human Services.
5. Signed curriculum contract for the MSD Option 6 certification and other graduate education program if appropriate
6. Offer of employment from a Kentucky School District in an MSD position. Requires completion of additional certification paperwork and mentorship agreement to meet 16 KAR 9:080. University-based alternative certification program.

CURRICULUM CRITERIA

Forty (40) semester hours with advisor's prior approval and in accordance with the MSD program requirements to meet CEC and the Kentucky Teacher Standards.

EXIT CRITERIA

Completion of all coursework with a minimum 3.00 GPA
Mastery of Kentucky Teacher Standards as measured in EDS 588

Course # Title

Hours Grade Semester/Year Notes

The course sequence can be modified although EDG 669 and EDS 588 must be taken consecutively and in the last two semesters of the program with EDS 588 as the capstone for MSD.

EDG 666	Introduction to Education of Students with Exceptionalities	_3_	_____	_____	_____
EDS 551	Assistive Technology in the Classroom	_3_	_____	_____	_____
EDS 561	Mental and Orthopedic Disabilities	_3_	_____	_____	_____
EDS 570	Working with Families of Students with Disabilities	_3_	_____	_____	_____
EDG 630	Language and Learning Across the Curriculum	_3_	_____	_____	_____
EDG 662	Educational Assessment of Learning and Behavior Disorders	_3_	_____	_____	_____
EDG 663	Behavior Analysis Procedures for Students with Exceptionalities	_3_	_____	_____	_____

EDG 664	Procedures and Materials for Remedial Learning and Behavior Disorders	_3_	_____	_____	_____
EDG 653	Language Development of Students with Disabilities	_3_	_____	_____	_____
EDG 665	Transdisciplinary Collaboration for Students with Moderate and Severe Disabilities	_3_	_____	_____	_____
EDG 668	Advanced Principles of Behavior Management	_3_	_____	_____	_____
EDG 669	Diagnostic and Prescriptive Techniques for Students with Moderate and Severe Disabilities	_4_	_____	_____	_____
EDS 588	Professional Laboratory Experiences	_3_	_____	_____	_____

Approved: _____
 Graduate Student Signature Date

Approved: _____
 Graduate Advisor Signature Date

Certification and Praxis Exam Information

Praxis II: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Disabilities (P-12): Test: 0545 (paper) or 5545 Passing score: 158 Student score: _____

** Requirements and passing scores for teacher certification are subject to change. For the most current PRAXIS II testing requirements, go to the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board website (<http://www.epsb.ky.gov>) If you are certified/licensed in another state please check with your licensure board for your state testing regulations.*

Certification: To be in an option 6 program the candidate must be employed in a school district in a position commensurate with the option 6 certification program AND the candidate must concurrently be enrolled in approved program of study courses under that option 6 program. Each option 6 candidate must consult with the graduate education office and their hiring school district to determine what certification paperwork and other requirements are necessary for KYEPSB. If candidate is placed on CA- TP (collaborative agreement between district and MSD program director) they must consult with the both the district and the university every year in order to renew the TP. CA-TP are renewable a maximum of 2 times. Each renewal requires additional coursework have been completed since last submission of transcript with previous TP. Candidate must finish all coursework in not more than 3 (teaching calendar) school years. If candidate has not completed KTIP then candidate must complete KTIP during third year (2nd renewal of CA-TP). Passing scores on the Praxis exam, required by KYEPSB, are required in order to be eligible for KTIP. Once KTIP is completed, candidate must submit CA-1 form with other required documents to the Teacher Ed Graduate Office in order to receive any of the following or all of the following (contingent on the certifications candidate is eligible to receive recommendation for): recommendation for rank change, recommendation to add MSD P-12.