

VI. Curriculum Contract/Guide sheet

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
RANK I ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
P-5

Successful completion of this program qualifies the candidate for the professional Rank I salary classification.

Student's Name: Last, First	M.I.	Social Security Number
Local Address:	Street	Daytime Phone Number
City	State	Zip code
		Initial Certification Area/Level

Course Work

Major Courses	Hours	Specialization Component	Hours
Required Professional Courses			
EDU 601	1 hour	12 hours of Related Non-Professional Education Courses will be chosen with Advisor Approval	
EDU 698	1 hour		
ELED 603	3 hours		
ELED 604	3 hours		
	8 hours	*	3 hours
		*	3 hours
		*	3 hours
		*	3 hours
			12 hrs.

10 hours of Related Professional Courses will be chosen with Advisor Approval

*#EXC 516	3 hours
*	3 hours
*	3 hours
*	1 hour
	10 hours

must be taken unless exceptional Education course is on the student's transcript

Admission Requirements

Rank I classification shall require the completion of a minimum of either (a) 30 semester hours approved credit in addition to the requirements for Rank II classification or (b) 60 semester hours approved graduate level credit including a master's degree.

1. The Rank I program shall be planned individually with each candidate.
2. The Rank I program shall be a major component of the candidate's professional growth plan and shall be consistent with the Experienced Teacher Standards established by the Education Professional Standards Board.
3. The student shall maintain a B average, and no credit shall be applied for a course grade lower than a C.
4. At least 15 of the progress hours shall be taken at Western Kentucky University. The remaining hours may be taken at other institutions, provided the grade is A or B and upon approval of the graduate advisor and the certification officer.
5. A minimum of 24 hours of the total 60 hours (62 when based upon Rank II Fifth Year Classification) must be in (1) academic in the candidate's non-professional education courses or (2) in supporting courses from other disciplines as approved by this institution.
6. Professional development in lieu of up to twelve (12) semester hours of college credit shall be approved as part of a Rank I Program, if requested by the applicant using the following guidelines:
 - a. The candidate shall seek and obtain prior approval of their Graduate Advisor for the professional development activities.
 - b. The application for approval shall identify the specific professional development activities, and the action plan to achieve one or more goals of the professional growth plan identified above. This information will be included in the student's EDU 601 (002) Professional Development Plan.
 - c. Upon completion of the professional development activities, the candidate shall submit to their Graduate Advisor a report of the activities which shall include an evaluation of the experiences and a follow-up plan implementing the professional development.
 - d. Twenty-four (24) clock hours of professional development shall equal one (1) semester hour.

The Rank I Program requires the development of a Professional Development Plan (PDP) and a Portfolio, which reflect satisfactory progress toward the attainment of the Experienced Teacher Performance Standards. The PDP, Portfolio, and all courses must be successfully completed before the recommendation for rank change is made.

Program Sequence

EDU 601 must be taken during the first semester, entering current certification program; PDP is developed. EDU 698 must be completed or enrolled in last semester of course work; a professional portfolio will document compliance with the Experienced Teacher Performance Standards for preparation and certification.

Students in this non-degree program must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher and no grade less than a C will count toward program requirements.

Admission/Continuance Requirements

Advisor _____

Date _____

Certification Officer _____

Date _____

Graduate Officer _____

Date _____

Applicant _____

Date _____

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7. The Rank I program shall be planned individually with each candidate.
8. The Rank I program shall be a major component of the candidate's professional growth plan and shall be consistent with the Experienced Teacher Standards established by the Education Professional Standards Board.
9. A minimum of 15 semester hours must be in courses open **only** to graduate students.
10. The student shall maintain a B average, and no credit shall be applied for a course grade lower than a C.
11. At least 15 of the progress hours shall be taken at Western Kentucky University. The remaining hours may be taken at other institutions, provided the grade is A or B and upon approval of the graduate advisor and the certification officer.

Students are admitted to candidacy after completion of a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours, but no later than the first week of the semester of program completion.

The project is an integral part of the specialist program and is planned in accordance with the student's field of specialization and professional goals. It may take the form of a field project, a creative study, or a more formal research study and shall culminate in a written, scholarly report. A student must maintain matriculation until the project is approved.

An oral examination covering the coursework and project must be satisfactorily completed. The chairperson will notify Graduate Studies of the results.

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Candidates must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher and no grade less than a C will count toward degree program requirements.

Specialist Degree Committee

Chairperson _____
Date

Member _____
Date

Member _____
Date

Admission/Continuance Requirements

Advisor _____
Date

Certification Officer _____
Date

Graduate Officer _____
Date

Applicant _____
Date