

Master of Arts in Education – MAE Elementary Education for Teacher Leaders



Admission Requirements

Criteria vary, depending on the student's undergraduate institution and GPA

WKU Graduate: Admission

No qualifying GAP** score is required for graduates of the WKU B.S. in Elementary Education program, as long as they have or are eligible for a teaching certificate for elementary education. A copy of the certificate or statement of eligibility must be submitted with the application.*

Graduate of a Kentucky higher education institution other than WKU

Applicants with undergraduate degrees from Kentucky higher education accredited universities must have a 2.75 GPA or higher for all previous coursework (undergraduate and graduate) or qualifying GRE/GAP** scores and must have or be eligible for a teaching certificate for elementary education. A copy of the certificate or statement of eligibility must be submitted with the application.*

Graduate of an out-of-state institution of higher education

Applicants with undergraduate degrees from all other accredited universities must have a 2.75 GPA or higher for all previous coursework (undergraduate and graduate) or qualifying GRE/GAP** scores and must have or be eligible for a teaching certificate for elementary education. A copy of the certificate or statement of eligibility must be submitted with the application.*

*Kentucky applicants whose certificates have expired may be admitted, but they may enroll for only six hours before they must apply to the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board for re-issued certificates. After completion of six hours, a student admitted with an expired certificate must submit a copy of the re-issued certificate before being allowed to register for any additional courses. Applicants from out-of-state with expired certificates must complete the requirements for their respective states to renew their certificates and submit a copy of the reissued certificate.

**Qualifying GAP Score: 2200 or higher (GRE V + Q multiplied by the undergraduate GPA) and a GRE Analytical Writing score of 3.5 or higher

Program Requirements

The program is divided into two instructional components: (a) **Professional Education**, which provides advanced level pedagogy, leadership, and content related to Kentucky Teacher Standards and applicable to all P-12 teachers working in a wide gamut of developmental levels and content areas; and (b) **Specialization**, which directs the student into an individual program in content, pedagogy, and/or areas of professional growth consistent with the goals of each candidate.

Professional Education Component—9-16 hours

___ **TCHL 500** – Foundations of Teacher Leadership (3 hours)

TCHL 500 is a required course and is a prerequisite to all other courses. There is no proficiency evaluation that can be substituted for this course. In TCHL 500 students will complete an assessment process that will be used in determining which TCHL core courses they must take. While enrolled in TCHL 500, students will use several documents, including their KTIP assessments or in-kind examples, dispositions self-surveys, referrals from school personnel, and their respective School Improvement Plan, to develop with their respective program advisors individualized programs of study of 30-31 hours related to Kentucky Teacher Standards and professional goals. Each student's program of study will include some or all of the TCHL courses, plus additional education-related or content courses. With the assistance of an assigned program advisor, TCHL 500 students will complete an official Form C and submit it to the Office of Graduate Studies.

___ **TCHL 530** – Curriculum Development (3 hours)

___ **TCHL 560** – Action Research Capstone for Teacher Leaders (3 hours)

TCHL530 and 560 are required for all students, and there are no proficiency evaluations that may be substituted for these courses.

___ **TCHL 540** – Classroom Instruction: Instructional Strategies (1 hour)

___ **TCHL 544** – Classroom Instruction: Equitable School and Community Partnerships (1 hour)

___ **TCHL 548** – Classroom Instruction: Managing the Learning Environment (1 hour)

___ **TCHL 550** – Student Assessment I: Fundamentals of Student Assessment (1 hour)

___ **TCHL 554** – Student Assessment II: Standardized Testing (1 hour)

___ **TCHL 558** – Student Assessment III: Classroom Tests and Instruments (2 hours)

TCHL 540, 544, 548, 550, 554, and 558 are required for all students OR the student must pass proficiency evaluations for these courses.

Mid-Point Assessment Requirements

To ensure that all students are proficient on Advanced Level Kentucky Teacher Standards, all *Critical Performances* associated with the TCHL courses must be completed, *even if a candidate's program of studies does not include the courses*. Except for TCHL 560, which should be taken toward the end of their program, students may complete no more than 6 hours in their Specialization Component before they have taken all TCHL courses and/or uploaded all Critical Performances and have achieved an average score of 3.0 on all performances and an average score of 3 on dispositions. Additional course work may be required based on the assessment results.

Specialization Component—15-21 hours

TCHL 520 – Principles of Action Research for Teacher Leaders (3 hours)

TCHL520 is required for all students, and there is no proficiency evaluation that may be substituted for this course.

Advisor-approved content-specific course- (3 hours)

Electives (9-15 hours): Advisor-approved courses selected from discipline in which student is certified or related courses relevant to the student’s professional needs and goals. In place of the content electives, the student may substitute course work for endorsements (e.g., English as a Second Language, Gifted and Talented Education, Environmental Education, and Instructional Computer Technology or other approved endorsements) or for meeting prerequisites for Instructional Leader programs.

Elementary Education	
1. ELED 505 - Advanced Mat & Meth in Math for ElemTeachers (3 hours)	6. EDU 507 (GEOS 507) - Geography for Teachers (3 hours)
2. ELED 506 - Seminar in Elementary School Science – (3 hours)	7. EDU 597 - Org/Sup of Student Teach (3 hours)
3. ELED 507 - Advanced Materials and Methods in Social Studies (3 hours)	8. ELED 599 - Thesis/Research Writing (1-6 hours)
4. ELED 570 - Workshop/Selected Topics (1-3 hours)	9. LTCY 519 - Foundations of Read Instruction (3 hours)
5. LTCY 524 - Reading in the Content Areas (3 hours) or	10. Or other advisor approved courses
Education Administration: Prerequisites for Planned 6th/Rank I Instructional Leader (All Grades)	
1. EDAD 588 - Allocation and Use of Resources (3 hours)	3. EDAD 683 - Leading Teaching and Learning (3 hours)
2. EDAD 677 - Legal Issues for Prof Educators (3 hours)	4. EDAD 684 - Instructional Leadership (3 hours)
English as a Second Language Endorsement 22 hours	
1. English 407G - Linguistic Analysis	3. English 565 - Integrated TESL
2. English 408G - Sociolinguistics and Psycholinguistics	4. English 566 - Teaching and Testing ESL Grammar
Other requirements: 6 hours of one foreign language if not previously taken.	
Environmental Education Endorsement 12 hours	
Required Courses 9 hours	
1. ENVE 520 - Introduction to Environmental Education (3 hours)	
2. ENVE 580 - Instructional Strategies in Environmental Education (3 hours)	
Elective Courses 3 hours	
1. ENVE 585 - Special Topics in Environment Education (3 hours)	4. REC 532 - Environmental Education Resources (3 hours)
2. EDU 507/GEOS 507 - Geographic Concepts and Skills for Teachers (3 hours)	5. REC 434g - Environmental Interpretation (3 hours)
3. GEOL 511 - The Dynamic Earth (3 hours)	6. ELED/MGE/SEC 570 - Workshops: Environmental Education (1-3 hours)
Gifted and Talented Endorsement 12 hours	
1. GTE 536 - Nature and Needs of Gifted, Creative and Talented Students (3 hours)	
2. GTE 537 - Curriculum, Strategies, and Materials for Gifted Students (3 hours)	
3. PSY 432G - Psychology of the Gifted and Creative (3 hours)	
4. GTE 538 - Practicum for Teachers of Gifted Students (3 hours)	
Instructional Computer Technology Endorsement 12 hours	
Required Courses 6 hours	
1. LME 535 - Survey of Educational Technology Practices (3 hours)	2. LME 537 - Principles of Educational Technology (3 hours)
Elective Courses 6 hours	
1. LME 545 - Educational Technology Production (3 hours)	3. LME 547 - Integration of Educational Technology (3 hours)
2. LME 550 - Emerging Technology in Education (3 hours)	4. LME 737 - Educational Technology Leadership (3 hours)

Program Completion Requirements

Students must successfully complete **TCHL 560 – Action Research Capstone for Teacher Leaders** (with a course grade of C or higher) and present research results in an approved venue.

Students must achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA overall and in program course work.

Total Program Hours: 30-31