

All professional education and major coursework must be completed before Clinical Teaching Experience. Refer to the Education Licensure section—Secondary and PreK-12 Teacher Licensure Programs—for professional education courses required.

Education Licensure

The Sterling Teacher Education Program (STEP)

The Sterling Teacher Education Program (STEP) offers a professional studies curriculum for students seeking education licensure to teach K-6, 6-12, and PreK-12 within major subject areas. Endorsements in Adaptive Special Education for K-6 and 6-12 levels are also offered (see page 95). All students seeking teaching licensure must first declare their intentions by completing the **Declaration of Candidacy packet. The Declaration of Candidacy submission date determines program requirements for the candidate.**

Acceptance to STEP

Candidates must complete the following requirements to be accepted to STEP:

1. Declare Candidacy

Complete the packet—available from STEP's Administrative Assistant

2. Demonstrate Pre-Professional Skills

Option 1: PPST Test (minimum scores: Writing 172, Reading 173, Math 172)

Option 2: ACT Test (minimum scores: English 19, Reading 20, Math 18)

3. Complete Level Ia Professional Coursework (see below)

4. Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher in 24 hours of college credit

STEP Program Retention Policy

To remain in the Sterling Teacher Education Program (STEP) as an education candidate, a candidate must achieve the following standards:

1. Maintain a 2.5 minimum overall GPA.
2. Maintain a 2.75 minimum GPA in both major and professional coursework.
3. Show progress through field work and learning over time.
4. Perform all duties assigned to the best of one's ability.
5. Show a professional attitude and character in all areas of education, both academic and clinical.
6. Display appropriate IDEAL Attributes as evaluated by both professors and public school teachers.

Should a candidate, in the opinion of Teacher Education Committee (TEC), fail to achieve these standards, an official letter from STEP will be sent, indicating dismissal from the program. Dismissal from the program means a candidate will not:

1. enroll in further education classes,
2. participate in future field work or clinical practices,
3. be a program completer eligible for licensure.

Should the candidate wish to appeal a dismissal decision, he or she may follow the

stated appeal process.

Any questions concerning the program should be directed to:

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PROFESSIONAL STUDIES K-6, 6-12, and PreK-12 LICENSURE PROGRAM

Professional Education Courses Required for Teacher Licensure

Level Ia: Introductory Courses (Required for acceptance to STEP)

ED195 Introduction to Education 2 credits

ED201 Field Experience in Education (w/30 field hours) 2 credits

ED206 Classroom Management 2 credits

SE210 Introduction to Infants, Children and Youth

With Special Needs (w/20 field hours) 3 credits

Level Ib: Foundational Methods Courses

ED205 Cultural Diversity in Education (w/lab hours) 2 credits

ED219 Instruction and Assessment 4 credits

ED272 Educational Psychology (w/15 field hours) 3 credits

ED356 Technology in the Classroom 2 credits

Level II: Content Methods Courses

Prerequisites: Acceptance to STEP, 2.5 Cumulative GPA, 2.75 GPA in professional education coursework, 2.75 GPA in the major.

ED357 Reading and Writing in the Content Area (w/10 hours) 3 credits

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ED467 Secondary Content Methods*

ED400 KPTP Field Experience Lab 1 credit

(concurrent with content methods-w/15 field hours)

ED490 Seminar in Education (Writing Intensive) 1 credit

Level III: Clinical Teaching Courses

Prerequisites: Overall GPA of 2.5, successful completion of Clinical Teaching Interview, completion of all professional education courses with a grade of C or higher and GPA of 2.75, completion of all major coursework with GPA of 2.75.

ED497 Kansas Performance Teaching Portfolio 3 credits

ED498 Clinical Teaching Experience (full semester in field) 12 credits

TOTAL: 40 credits

***A teaching methods course in the student's licensure area is required for PreK-12 and 6-12 licensure. Methods courses for Natural Sciences, English, Speech and**

Theatre, Social Science, and Mathematics (ED prefix) are taught through the Associated Colleges of Central Kansas (ACCK). Teaching methods courses in Art, Music, and Exercise Science are taken through the department and are listed with the major. All methods course credits are listed and counted with each major's licensure requirements.

Students enrolled in any Professional Education courses will be assessed a \$20 materials fee.