

Dear Prospective Student:

Recently you expressed interest in the *Early Childhood Education Master of Arts in Teaching* (ECED MAT) program which leads to initial licensure for preschool to grade 5 (the Ohio Primary License). This program also allows you to earn a level one Primary Years Program certificate with the International Baccalaureate (IB).

Our next ECED MAT cohort will be offered in Summer 2025 with an application deadline of February 1, 2025.

(The online application process for Summer 2025 programs should OPEN in late Summer 2024).

Pre-Admission Transcript Review for Prerequisite Coursework:

Transcripts will be continuously reviewed for prerequisites in math, science, American history, geography and child development leading up to the application deadline. Please email Erin Harwood, Graduate Senior Advisor (eharwood@kent.edu), to request a prerequisite transcript review (attach unofficial transcripts). If you are a current Kent State undergraduate student or a graduate of Kent State, transcripts can be accessed internally with your written authorization to access your Kent State record embedded in your email.

Any undergraduate prerequisite coursework deemed necessary can be taken at any Kent State campus, or any other accredited institution (please work with Erin Harwood, Graduate Senior Advisor, to ensure transferability). **Prerequisite coursework should be completed no later than May 2025 before the program begins.**

Formal Admission Process:

The admission process to the ECED MAT program is handled entirely online. Applications for the Summer 2025 cohort will be accepted starting late Summer 2024 (when the application opens for Summer 2025 programs).

The application deadline for the Summer 2025 ECED MAT cohort is February 1, 2025. Your application will be processed by GRADUATE ADMISSIONS:

Street Address: 800 E. Summit St., 161 Schwartz Center, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242

Mailing Address (Transcripts): Graduate Admissions, P.O. Box 5190, Kent, OH 44242

Phone: 330-672-2444

Toll-Free: 1-800-988-KENT

Email (for questions/issues and Electronic Transcripts): gradapps@kent.edu

Please contact Graduate Admissions directly for technical questions/issues regarding your pending application.

All master's applications submitted are assessed a \$45 non-refundable application fee. Please understand that applications to our initial teacher licensure programs, including the ECED MAT, are reviewed as a cohort (per accreditation standards) after the February 1, 2025 deadline. Early submission of your application does not mean an early admission decision.

Once you submit your application and pay the application fee, you will no longer be able to edit the application. However, you can continue to upload any unfinished admission documents, including unofficial transcripts, at a later time through your status page on your applicant portal (available once you submit your app/app fee).

Please be aware that your application will not be forwarded to the College of EHHS for review until all outstanding requirements have been satisfied.

Admission Requirements:

Applicants will be assessed holistically, considering: academic credentials; academic or professional references; non-academic dimensions; and other specific program criteria.

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 2.75 undergraduate (cumulative/overall) GPA
- Official transcript(s) *[Must submit all transcripts from colleges/universities (other than Kent State) in which 8 or more semester credit hours were attempted. You may upload copies of UNOFFICIAL transcripts to speed up app process but if offered admission, you are required to submit OFFICIAL transcripts directly from all institutions.]*
- Two recommendations *[It is HIGHLY recommended you use the online application recommender system; you only need to submit names/emails of two recommenders-you do not need to submit letters. Suggested recommenders can include college professors, supervisors, colleagues, etc]*
- Supplemental Data Form *[embedded within the online application]*
- Goal Statement *[This statement should encompass your rationale for pursuing initial licensure in Early Childhood Education. It may reflect on past career, education and family choices. Limit document to 300 words, double-spaced]*
- Questions in Anticipation of Licensure form *[form is embedded within online application]*
- Interview *[Conducted after application submission AND prior to full acceptance into the program]*

Steps/Hints/Screenshots of the online application process:

Steps To Start:

Visit the **Graduate Degree Student Requirements** Webpage:

<https://www.kent.edu/admissions/graduate-degree-student-requirements>

- Review the page and click "Apply Now"
- This will bring you to the Application Portal
- From here-first time users will create an account/login *(save this information so you can go in and out of app)*
- Once in the portal, you will click on "Start a New Application"

(You can go in and out of the portal as you like to complete your application, and you can visit it to check the status of your application.)

A few hints/screenshots as you enter the information in the online application:

- Under Initial Questions Graduate tab: SELECT “Masters” for the degree or credential you are pursuing (even though you are also pursuing licensure)
- Under Academic Plan Graduate tab: Scroll down through “College of Education, Health & Human Services, Masters” until you find “Early Childhood Education-MAT” (do NOT select “Early Childhood Education-MEd”)
- Under “Intended Start Term”-SELECT: Summer 2025 (this program only starts in summer)
****The application window for Summer 2025 programs will not open until late Summer 2024****

The screenshot shows the 'INITIAL QUESTIONS GRADUATE' page. On the left is a navigation menu with links: Home, Personal Background, Initial Questions Graduate (highlighted), Academic Plan Graduate, Requirements - Education, Academic History Transcript Policy, Academic History Graduate, Recommendations, Additional Questions, Signature, and Review. The main content area has a heading 'INITIAL QUESTIONS GRADUATE' and a paragraph: 'This application is for students wishing to apply as a graduate student for an advanced degree or credential beyond a Bachelor Degree. Students using this application are expected to hold at least a Bachelor Degree or are in their final term towards completion.' Below this is a section 'Please choose the degree or credential you are pursuing:' with a list of options: Masters (checked), Doctoral, Educational Specialist, Professional (includes only Doctor of Nursing Practice and Doctor of Audiology), Certificate, Guest, Non-Degree Seeking, Non-Degree Endorsement (Teacher/Educator), Non-Degree License (Teacher/Educator), Transient, and Alumnus. At the bottom, it says 'You have earned or will earn a baccalaureate degree prior to pursuing a master's degree.'

The screenshot shows the 'Academic Plan Graduate' page. On the left is a navigation menu with links: Home, Personal Background, Initial Questions Graduate, Academic Plan Graduate (highlighted), Requirements - Education, Academic History Transcript Policy, Academic History Graduate, Recommendations, Additional Questions, Signature, and Review. The main content area has a heading 'Academic Plan Graduate' and a list of programs. A dropdown menu is open, showing the following options: Curriculum and Instruction - MEd - Social Studies Education, Early Childhood Education - MAT (highlighted), Early Childhood Education - MEd, Early Childhood Education - MEd - Early Childhood Leadership: Advocacy, Curriculum, Policy, Early Childhood Education - MEd - Globalization and Intercultural Competence, Early Childhood Education - MEd - Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Educational Psychology - MA, Educational Technology - MEd, Educational Technology - MEd - Computer Science Endorsement Preparation, Educational Technology - MEd - Computer Technology Endorsement Preparation, Educational Technology - MEd - Dual Degree MEd/MLIS School Library Media, Exercise Physiology - MS, Exercise Physiology - MS - Athletic Training, Health Education and Promotion - MEd - Community Health, and Health Education and Promotion - MEd - School Health Licensure. Below the list is a 'Continue' button.

- Under Program Requirements: Education: This is the page where you will upload your Goal Statement and complete the embedded Supplemental Data Form and the Questions in Anticipation of Licensure form. Please select “NO” for the question regarding applying for a “combined program”.

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: EDUCATION

Your program selection:
Early Childhood Education - MAT

This program results in the Ohio Primary (Pk-5) teaching license.

Supplemental Data Form

Please complete the appropriate supplemental data form at this link and upload to your application.

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Goal Statement

Please provide a statement indicating why you want to pursue a graduate degree in your chosen field of study, what you hope to gain in the graduate program, and your career goals upon graduating. Include relevant academic and professional experience achieved in the past or expected in the future that support your goal. Narrative length should be approximately 1-2 pages, double-spaced.

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Licensure

QUESTIONS IN ANTICIPATION OF LICENSURE FORM

Kent State University
College of Education, Health, and Human Services

In order to apply for educator or counselor license (e.g. teaching, administrative, or pupil services) in the State of Ohio, an applicant will be required to answer yes or no to the following legal questions at the time of licensure application.

Note: **DO NOT ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.** You will be required to answer the following questions when you apply for licensure.

1. Have you ever been convicted of, found guilty of, pled guilty to, or pled no contest to any misdemeanor other than a traffic offense?
2. Have you ever been convicted of, found guilty of, pled guilty to, or pled no contest to any felony?
3. Have you ever had a criminal conviction sealed or expunged?
4. Have you ever had any professional certificate, license, permit, or an application for the same, revoked, suspended, limited or denied?
5. Have you ever surrendered any certificate, license or permit, other than a driver's license?

If at the time of licensure application, you answer yes to any question listed above, you will be requested to attach an explanation to the licensure application, to include the year of conviction, the nature of the offense, and the court where the matter was heard.

Please contact the Office of Professional Conduct at the Ohio Department of Education with any questions at (614)466-5638.

***Note: Applicants for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling, or School Counseling program:** If your answer to any of the questions listed above is YES, your application for liability insurance, internship, and/or professional licensure may be denied. It is important to note that an inability to obtain professional liability insurance or an internship would stop your completion of the program. Please contact the Counseling Master's Programs Coordinator at 330-672-2662.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By checking this box you acknowledge that you have read and understand the Questions in Anticipation of Licensure information.

I agree.

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Enter today's date.

Recommenders

The program you have chosen requires 2 Recommenders. Please provide information for 2 Recommenders on the Recommendation page.

[Continue](#)

Should you have questions regarding the admission requirements and application, please contact the ECED Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Julie Stoll (jastoll@kent.edu), or our Graduate Senior Advisor, Erin Harwood (eharwood@kent.edu). We look forward to reviewing your completed application for admission to the *Early Childhood Education PK-5 MAT* program.