**MCED ADVANCED STUDY INFO GUIDE (STARK CAMPUS)**

* **Please visit the Stark campus MCED department site-** [**http://www.kent.edu/stark/middle-childhood-education**](http://www.kent.edu/stark/middle-childhood-education) **- for the following resources:**
	+ Praxis Preparation & Information
	+ Admission Checklist to Advanced Study
	+ Advanced Study Application (Link to Student Portal)
* **Application Cycles for the Stark Campus MCED Advanced Study program:**
	+ Students can apply to the Stark campus MCED Advanced Study program in the Fall and Spring for a Fall start only. The Stark campus MCED Advanced Study online application is available each Fall and Spring semester on the Stark campus MCED department site.
	+ Applications are due on the second Friday after the start of the term in which you are applying
* **Summer application cycle for fall seating**
	+ *The Stark campus MCED Advanced Study program* *will only consider advanced standing applications during the summer cycle if seats are available.*
* All applicants must sign the ***Teacher Candidate Acknowledgements* and *Legal Questions for Licensure***in the Student Portal in the College of Education website. Please do so once you have submitted your online application if you have not done so previously in the CULT29525 Education in a Democratic Society course.
	+ Go to <https://stuportal.ehhs.kent.edu> and sign in with your FlashLine Username and Password.
* Click on *Teacher Candidate Acknowledgements* tab and make sure all 3 are marked as signed.
* Click on *Legal Questions for Licensure* tab and make sure this is marked as signed.

**SELECTIVE ADMISSION CRITERIA**

The MCED Program has selective admission criteria. They will review your application for admission to Advanced Study using the following criteria--you are competing against the other students applying in the same term that you are applying.  There is no minimum or maximum number chosen each year- all qualified applicants will be accepted.

* **Overall GPA**(minimum 2.75, but highest possible overall GPA is best--see top of your GPS Audit for your overall GPA).
* **Passing Praxis Core Scores or Equivalent Required for Advanced Study:** <http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/voss/praxis-core-information>
* **Completion of Pre-Advanced Study coursework** as outlined on the Checklist for Admission to Advanced Study: <http://www.kent.edu/stark/middle-childhood-education>
* **Taking a majority of content area courses and Kent Core requirements**. When we consider your application, we look to see how many courses you will have left after the Advanced Study coursework. Anything beyond a semester’s worth of coursework (15 hours) may result in a student being advised to apply at a later time when more coursework is completed. This is often decided on a case-by-case basis; meet with an advisor to determine your eligibility.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

* After a student applies for Advanced Study, Brooke Varner, Stark Campus point advisor for MCED, will vet the applications for coursework, Praxis scores, and GPA. Once she has gone through the applications (usually a two week process) she passes them on to Dr. Wilfong, Coordinator of Undergraduate Education.
* A GoogleDoc will be sent to each applicant to sign up for an interview. Please sign up for a time that does NOT conflict with your classes. You may e-mail another student and ask them to switch with you if necessary. If you are unable to find a time slot that fits your schedule, please e-mail Dr. Wilfong immediately.
* You must submit two letters of reference. One letter must be from a professor who can speak to your academic achievements. The other letter should be from someone who can address your desire to be a teacher (the teacher with whom the student completed Field Experience or an education professor is recommended). Please submit your references in one of the following manners:
	+ Letters may be e-mailed directly from your reference to lgkrug@kent.edu (word attachment, pdf, or messages are all acceptable)
* Letters may be faxed directly from your reference to 330-494-6121, Attn: Dr. Wilfong
* Letters may be dropped off to the administrative assistants on the 4th floor of Main Hall in a sealed envelope.
* Letters may be mailed to the following address:
* Dr. Wilfong

6000 Frank Ave., NW

N. Canton, OH 44720

* Students will participate in a 20-minute formal interview with at least two faculty members from the KSU at Stark MCED program.
* You are expected to be in professional dress and should bring a piece of coursework that exemplifies your academic work (a paper, project, etc. from either a content area course or an education course are acceptable).

* At this interview, you will be asked questions about your coursework, experience working with early adolescents, reasons for choosing your concentrations, among other topics.
* **Gaining experience and exposure working or volunteering with children is also worth your time**. Experience can be gained through summer jobs, or volunteering with middle school-aged students at a local school. Moreover, even though you may have gained experience through a Teacher Portfolio program in high school, continue to build on this experience.
* Faculty are looking for an open-mind disposition and readiness for teaching in a diverse setting.
* After all interviews take place, it takes a week for the faculty to make their decision on who is accepted into the program. Brooke Varner will notify the applicant of the faculty’s decision.

Direct any questions regarding the Advanced Study application process to Dr. Wilfong at lgkrug@kent.edu.

**OPPORTUNITES TO EXPLORE**

**Scholarships**

* Search Current Student Scholarships at <http://www.kent.edu/stark/current-scholarships>
* Search EHHS Scholarships at <http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/scholarships>

**Study Abroad**

* Global Education Initiatives: <http://www.kent.edu/stark/global-initiatives>
	+ Schedule an appointment with Sarah Schmidt for information on available Study Abroad opportunities: <http://www.kent.edu/stark/advising-services>
	+ **Sarah Schmidt**

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* EHHS Study Abroad: <https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ciie/study-abroad>
* COST Program and international activities:

<https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/centers/ciie/kent-state-cost>

* Office of Global Education: <http://www.kent.edu/globaleducation>

**Student involvement**

* Gain experience interacting with middle school-aged students through summer camp, tutoring, volunteering at a local school, etc.
* Office of Experiential Education and Civic Engagement- Contact or Service Learning Opportunities: Request to join the listserv to keep up with what is going on: <http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/centers/cdc>
* Join **KSSEA** (Kent State Stark Educators Association):
	+ An education club that’s main purpose is to help students at Kent State Stark give back to the local schools. Offers bi-monthly meetings that feature a variety of guest speakers to help prepare students for entering the teaching community. Recent speakers have discussed topics such as- EDTPA and a Hispanic student relations/classroom accommodation. As an organization they attended the OMLA (Ohio Middle Level Association) conference in Cincinnati to help with networking and teaching workshops.
	+ Contact Sarah Weaver, sweave18@kent.edu, for more information

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