Application & Admission Requirements for Ph.D. in Cultural Foundations

Admission requirements are established by the KSU Graduate School

- An earned master’s degree.
- GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. (Applicants with slightly lower GPA who meet all other criteria may be admitted on a probationary basis).
- Submission of undergraduate and graduate level transcripts.
- Submission of three letters of recommendation. It is highly recommended that at least two of these can speak to the applicant’s prior academic performance.
- Submission of GRE score.
- Submission of curriculum vitae or resume.
- Documentation of English language proficiency required for international applicants. Students are required to have a TOEFL score of 550 (paper based) or 80 with no sub-score below 20 (internet based), or IELTS score of 6.5.

In addition, Cultural Foundations requires

- In lieu of a master’s degree in a discipline or field related to the foundations of education, students may have to complete up to 12 credit hours of core courses outside of Ph.D. degree requirements.
- A 300-500 word statement of purpose that outlines your areas of interest in the field, explains (briefly) what led to these interests and reflects on what you hope the PhD will help you do.
- A personal interview with Cultural Foundations faculty (may be conducted by long-distance communication medium).

Application process

- Completed graduate school application: www.kent.edu/admissions/apply/graduate
  - U.S. citizens and permanent residents: Click on “Graduate Admissions.”
  - International applicants: Click on “International Admissions.”
- A nonrefundable application fee payable via the online application.