TEACHING, LEARNING AND CURRICULUM STUDIES

The College of Education, Health and Human Services has long been recognized as a national leader in the development of teachers, counselors and school administrators. The achievements of Kent State’s education graduates, especially in Northeast Ohio, speak well for the high quality of the program. The program’s faculty boast a strong record of teaching, research and public service. Careful attention is also given to advising students and helping them develop programs of study that meet their individual goals.

Students receive comprehensive preparation for the art of teaching through a diversified and coherent program of study. Approximately one-third of the curriculum consists of appropriate courses in the liberal arts and sciences and at least 40 percent of a student’s program is devoted to mastery of the subject to be taught. Professional studies are based on an inquiry model, including participation in observation and instructional activities, culminating with student teaching.

Educational technology is an integral part of the program. The college was the first in Ohio to offer SchoolNet Classrooms as part of a student’s professional coursework. In these classrooms, students experience practical applications of technology-based curriculum to prepare them for using advanced technology in their future educational settings. The AT&T Classroom offers students opportunities for research, observation and experience with computer-based instruction as it applies to several school-aged groups that participate each year.

SELECTIVE ADMISSION

Students who wish to pursue early childhood, middle childhood, or adolescence to young/adult education programs will be reviewed by the program area faculty before beginning professional coursework. Criteria for selection are based, in part, upon college grade point average, grades in selected courses, pre-professional skills test scores, a written essay and an interview.

LICENSURE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The College of Education, Health, and Human Services offers many different programs leading to teacher licensure. With the exception of the multi-age education track, all of the following programs for teacher licensure have selective admission requirements which include a 2.75 GPA for incoming freshmen or a 2.75 cumulative GPA for transfer students.

ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG ADULT EDUCATION
(GRADES 7 THROUGH 12)

Successful graduates of the Adolescent and Young Adult Education (ADED) Program are recommended for licensure in a variety of areas depending on their major. Candidates are prepared for licenses to teach adolescents and young adults ages 12 - 21, grades 7 - 12. ADED majors offered are: Earth Science, Integrated Language Arts, Integrated Mathematics, Integrated Science, Integrated Social Studies, Life Sciences, Life Science/Chemistry and Physical Sciences. Kent’s program has many strengths. Two in particular are: (1) Each subject area has at least two courses focused on the teaching and learning of the subjects they will be teaching (language arts, mathematics, science or social studies), and 2) Each candidate spends the fall and spring of their final year in the same middle or high school.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Career Services Center and The College of Education, Health and Human Services work cooperatively to enhance teaching opportunities and to prepare students for their own personal job search. Programs and services such as the Teacher Interview Days and Job Search Success workshops are just some of the extensive career resources available to students in the College of Education, Health and Human Services. To maximize employment potential in a competitive field, students are encouraged to consider relocation when beginning their job search.
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
(Grades Pre-Kindergarten Through 3)
www.kent.edu/ehhs/eced
The Early Childhood Education Program leads to the Bachelor of Science in Education degree in Early Childhood Education, preparing teachers for preschool through grade 3 (ages three to age eight). The initial licensure program is designed to develop teachers who can teach effectively across the age span and meet variations in ability. Students pursue a program of study that involves Kent Core requirements, college requirements, and a five-semester block of early childhood education courses that are integrated with field and clinical experiences. The program includes two student teaching experiences: preschool (300 clock hours) and kindergarten/primary (400 clock hours). In the remaining blocks, students complete a total of 576 additional field hours at the preschool, kindergarten and primary levels. This baccalaureate program is available at both the Kent and Salem campuses. The two-year associate program is offered at the Ashland, Salem, and Tuscarawas campuses. Upon satisfactory completion of the degree, graduates are eligible for the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IBPYP) Certification in Teaching and Learning.

MIDDLE CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
(Grades 4 Through 9)
www.kent.edu/ehhs/mced
The Middle Childhood Education Program can be completed at Kent, Kent State Geauga and Kent State Stark. It prepares teachers for grades 4 through 9 (ages 8 to 14). Teacher candidates choose two of four content areas for specialization: language arts, math, science, or social studies. They are also licensed to teach reading for grades 4 through 9. The initial licensure program in MCED is designed to develop teachers who can teach young adolescents effectively and support the diverse learning characteristics of middle school students. An additional strength of the program is the multiple opportunities KSU teacher candidates have to teach and work in grades 4-9 before student teaching. With a few additional classes, students are eligible to earn the generalist endorsement, which allows them to teach all content areas in grades 4-6.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
www.kent.edu/ehhs/pep
Faculty in the Physical Education Program are committed to teaching and fostering a personalized approach to the undergraduate educational experience. Students study under a distinguished and dedicated faculty, active in teaching, scholarship, research and professional activities. There are three concentrations within this major.

- **Physical Education Teacher Licensure**
  The teacher certification concentration prepares students for careers as licensed physical education teachers for children and youth (kindergarten through grade 12). This professional program requires a 2.75 cumulative GPA. Teacher candidates learn to teach within a series of in-depth field experiences. The teacher education curriculum is accredited by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

- **Health and Physical Education**
  Students can pursue multi-age licensure to teach both Health and Physical Education (HPE). These students must maintain a major and cumulative GPA of 2.75. This is a five-year undergraduate program requiring completion of 164 credit hours. The HPE program is a popular curricular option.

- **Physical Activity and Sport Performance**
  This concentration affords students the opportunity to individualize an area of study through a liberal approach to education. A minor is required (e.g., athletic coaching, biology, psychology, sports management, sports medicine or others). Students select courses related to physical education or sport studies to support their areas of interest or for preparation for a related profession such as athletic coaching, or physical activity leaders in nonschool programs.

MULTI-AGE EDUCATION
(Grades Pre-Kindergarten Through 12)
Students majoring in the Multi-Age Program leading to licensure will complete the major in their content area and a minor in education. The following licensure programs are offered at Kent State: Art, English as a Second Language, Foreign Language Education, (including American Sign Language), Music education and Technology.

STUDENT TEACHING
Students may choose to complete their student teaching experience out of state. Placements are located in public school districts in Collier and Lee counties, Florida; Clear Creek (Houston), Texas; and Paradise Valley, Arizona. The Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching (COST) provides students with opportunities to student teach outside of the U.S. in countries such as Australia, Ecuador, England, Greece, Ireland, Scotland and Switzerland.