SPECIAL EDUCATION MILD/MODERATE NEEDS INITIAL LICENSURE PREPARATION - NON-DEGREE

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Description

The Special Education Mild/Moderate Needs Initial Licensure Preparation non-degree program prepares students to obtain an initial teacher license in Special Education Mild/Moderate Educational Needs (Ohio Intervention Specialist). Completion of the coursework is a prerequisite to being recommended by Kent State University for licensure, which is granted by the Ohio Department of Education.

The mild/moderate licensure preparation program is designed for individuals who have a bachelor’s degree and want to become licensed through the State of Ohio to teach students with mild/moderate disabilities. Students with mild/moderate disabilities are distinguished from students with more severe disabilities by greater participation in the general academic curriculum. Mild/moderate disabilities include learning disabilities, emotional and behavioral disorders, ADHD, mild intellectual disabilities and (in certain cases) autism spectrum disorder.

The non-degree program is not a master’s degree program. Students who are interested in a master’s degree in special education from Kent State, in addition to licensure, must be fully admitted into and complete the requirements for the master’s program in addition to the courses prescribed for licensure. Completing a master’s degree in special education in addition to licensure will, in most cases, require an additional 15-18 credit hours.

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• Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

Applicants will be assessed holistically, considering academic credentials; standardized test scores of reading, writing and mathematics; academic or professional references; non-academic criteria; and other specific program dimensions.

• Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution
• Minimum 3.000 GPA
• Official Transcripts
• Goal Statement
• Two letters of recommendation
• Questions in Anticipation of Licensure form
• Praxis Core tests in reading, writing, and mathematics

All initial teacher licensure candidates are required to demonstrate basic competency in reading, writing and mathematics prior to admission. To demonstrate these competencies, students are required to take the Praxis Core tests in Reading, Mathematics, and Writing unless exempted by GRE scores fewer than five years old at the time of application. In order to gain exemption from Praxis CORE requirements, a student must achieve at or above the 50th percentile scores on the GRE Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical Writing tests. Students who have not taken the GRE are strongly encouraged to take the Praxis CORE tests to demonstrate these competencies, rather than GRE. Further information is available in the Office of Graduate Student Services, 418 White Hall.

Competency Test Equivalents:
• Reading: GRE Verbal Reasoning/Praxis CORE Reading
• Mathematics: GRE Quantitative Reasoning, Praxis CORE Mathematics
• Writing: GRE Analytical Writing, Praxis CORE Writing

Program Learning Outcomes

Completers of this non-degree program will be able to:

• Demonstrate knowledge of learner development and individual learning differences; the learning environment; curricular content knowledge; assessment; instructional planning and strategies, and professional practice and collaboration.
• Demonstrate the dispositions necessary to be a successful special education teacher/professional.
• Demonstrate preparation for the profession by successfully completing the Ohio Assessment for Educators (OAE) Special Education Assessment.

Residence Requirement Policy for Non-Degree Teacher Education Licensure/Endorsement Preparation Programs

• Non-degree licensure (initial and additional) and endorsement programs that are a total of 15 credits or above: Students must complete 60% of the coursework at Kent State University, including the course that addresses the CAEP A.1.1 Standard as designated by the program area.
• Non-degree licensure (initial and additional) and endorsement programs that are less than 15 total credits: Students must complete 100% of the coursework at Kent State University.
• Students are permitted 6 years to complete licensure programs and 4 years to complete endorsement programs at Kent State University.
• Coursework transferred from another university cannot be more than 6 years old at the time the licensure/endorsement program is completed.
• Students who do not meet the residence requirements will not be recommended for licensure by Kent State University.

Program Requirements

Licensure Requirements

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Progression Requirements

• Must maintain a minimum 3.000 overall GPA.

Graduation Requirements

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Licensure Information

Candidates seeking Ohio teaching licensure are required to pass specific requirements in order to apply for licensure from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). The candidate must earn the qualifying score on the Ohio Assessments for Educators. Students should consult the Special Education Department for specific program requirements and refer to the Ohio Department of Education - Educator Preparation website for more information on assessments specific to licensure type.