## ADMISSION CRITERIA
Student must meet requirements for admission to Master of Arts in Education: Teacher as Leader. Requirements defined by the appropriate catalog and outlined on the program curriculum contract.

1. Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution with a minimum 2.5 GPA
2. Official transcripts from all institutions
3. Graduate Record Examination (waived if undergrad GPA was 3.0 or higher)
4. Copy of acceptable teaching certificate or out of state equivalent
5. Three (3) letters of recommendation
6. Statement of professional goals (SPG)
7. Signed Teacher as Leader Admission Agreement

## CURRICULUM CRITERIA
*Every candidate will select course(s) based on his/her SPG with the approval of advisor and graduate program director to strengthen leadership and instructional design and teaching competence.*

### Individual Competence Development:
* Zero to six (0-6) hours Any candidate who has never taken courses in the teaching of reading and/or introduction to special education will be required to do so as a part of this program.

### Professional Core:
Fifteen (15) semester hours required

### Specialization:
Fifteen (15) semester hours of IECE courses selected from the list below. If candidate is found to need any individual competence development then those courses will be included in required IECE courses. Additional hours of IECE courses will be required, in addition to Praxis exam required by KYEPSB, to add Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education certification to teaching certificate.

## EXIT CRITERIA
- Application to graduate submitted through candidate’s myNKU by posted deadline ([http://registrar.nku.edu/GraduationInformation.html](http://registrar.nku.edu/GraduationInformation.html))
- Completion of all coursework used towards Master’s degree with a minimum 3.00 GPA
- Signed Codes of Ethics for Kentucky School Personnel, College of Education and Human Services, CEC, and NKU Graduate Honor Code.
- Successful completion of Thesis or Action Research Project (demonstrated with passing score in EDG 692)

### Professional Core: (15 semester hours required)

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### Specialization:
Fifteen (15) semester hours, selected from the following courses, in addition to the professional core to complete degree requirements for the Master of Arts in Education: Teacher as Leader. *Any of these courses may be taken and used in the completion of the Master’s degree. However, twenty-one (21) semester hours with advisor’s prior approval and consisting of the following required and elective courses listed on this contract must be completed, in addition to the mandatory Praxis exam, to add Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Birth-Primary certification. Any substitutions for coursework must be approved by candidate’s advisor.*

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

EDS 551 Assistive Technology in Special Education *(required)*

EDS 570 Working with Families of Students with Disabilities *(required)*

EDU 569 Kindergarten Education and Programming *(required)*

Choose one of the following: *(one required)*

EDU 551 Preschool Education and Programming

OR

EDU 554 Language Development and Emergent Literacy

Choose one of the following: *(one required)*

EDU 565 Early Childhood Assessments for Screening

OR

EDU 566 Ongoing Assessment in Early Childhood Edu.

**Elective Courses (3 credit hours)**

EDG 663 Behavior Analysis Procedures for Students with Exceptionalities

EDG 664 Procedures and Materials for Remediating Learning and Behavior Disorders

EDU 500 Core Principles in Early Childhood Education

EDU 550 Current Trends in Early Childhood Education

EDU 567 Math & Science Exploration: PreK-3rd

EDU 568 Administration and Supervision in Early Childhood Educ.

EDS 561 Mental and Orthopedic Disabilities

EDS 562 Early Childhood Special Education Programs

EDS 588 Professional Laboratory Experience

Enrollment in EDS 588 requires completion of certification coursework, valid teacher certificate, and application the semester prior with advisor approval.

Approved: ____________________________ Date

Graduate Student Signature

Approved: ____________________________ Date

Graduate Advisor Signature

**RESEARCH REVIEW**

Application for EDG 691: Approved for ____________________________ Date of EDG 691 Presentation: ____________________________

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**Certification and Praxis Exam Information**

Mandatory Exam: Praxis II - Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (birth-K): Test: 5023 passing score: 166 student score: ___________

Optional Exam: The test below is an option for certified IECE teachers who would like to be deemed HQ to teach kindergarten

Praxis II - Early Childhood: Content Knowledge: Test: 5025 passing score: 156 student score: ___________

* Requirements and passing scores for teacher certification are subject to change. For the most current PRAXIS II testing requirements, go to the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board website ([http://www.epsb.ky.gov](http://www.epsb.ky.gov)) If you are certified/licensed in another state please check with your licensure board for your state testing regulations.

Certification: Submission of CA-1 form with other required documents to the Teacher Ed Graduate Office (MP building) in order to receive any of the following or all of the following (contingent on the certifications candidate is eligible to receive recommendation for): recommendation for rank change, recommendation to add IECE B-P, recommendation for Teacher as Leader endorsement.