

FHSU College of Education Praxis Performance Assessment for Teachers (PPAT) Communication - June 2021

DISTINCTION BETWEEN DEGREE COMPLETION AND PROGRAM COMPLETION – It is possible to complete all the requirements for a degree, but not achieve program completer status from the Teacher Education program at FHSU. A candidate is not eligible to obtain a standard teaching license in Kansas or be recommended for an out-of-state teaching license unless they are a **program completer**.

To be considered a **program completer** and eligible for licensure, a candidate must:

- Successfully complete all the degree program requirements
- Pass the ETS Praxis Performance Assessment for Teachers (PPAT)

The PPAT is a teacher work sample completed during the student teaching experience. The PPAT is only offered once during the Fall and Spring semesters. Failure to pass the PPAT will result in an Incomplete or Failing grade for the course and will delay attainment of the teacher education degree and program completer status.

The additional ETS subject area test and PLT test are required for licensure in Kansas but are not required to obtain a degree or be considered a program completer. Out-of-state candidates whose state requires a separate, nationally-based performance assessment in addition to the Kansas teaching license, may request to complete an alternative performance assessment to be reviewed and approved by the department chair of Teacher Education.

I understand there is a difference between degree completion and program completion. I understand in order to achieve program completer status and be eligible for licensure in Kansas and/or recommendation for out-of-state licensure, I must complete all the degree requirements **and** pass the PPAT performance assessment.

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