



office of
field experiences
& LICENSURE

ROUTES TO THE CLASSROOM

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

www.fhsu.edu/cert/


Attached are the routes available through Fort Hays State University to obtain teaching licensure. These options are within the parameters of the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) licensure regulations that all higher education institutions must abide by. Institutions within Kansas require different coursework, use different modes of delivery, and have different tuition rates, but all programs must be approved and meet the State standards and regulations.


FHSU offers traditional as well as alternative licensure programs. ALL of our programs are available online except for the major coursework for secondary subject areas in the traditional programs such as Art, Biology, Math, English, etc. Business education is, however, available online.

There are two new programs that FHSU has: Elementary Education - MSE (contact Dr. Valerie Zelenka, vzelenka@fhsu.edu) and Special Education - MS (contact Dr. Jackie Lubin, j_lubin@fhsu.edu). Both of these are graduate level programs that allow for working as a teacher of record while completing the coursework for full licensure for those that are not licensed teachers.

FHSU current tuition rates for online classes are \$218.67/credit hour (undergraduate), \$287.75/credit hour (graduate).

UPDATED MAY 29, 2019
Published by Kerry Schuckman,
FHSU Licensure Officer

**How do I become a
Preschool/Early
Childhood teacher?**


**How do I become
a Middle School
teacher?** 

Early Childhood Unified
(Includes regular education and special
education, grades PreK-3rd)

ONLINE

Complete traditional program to qualify
for Initial Teaching License:

- Must complete a bachelor's degree
- Complete education program,
including a semester of student
teaching
- Pass Praxis subject tests (5024
and 5691) and PLT (5621)
licensure exams
- Pass performance assessment
(KPTP)
- **Cannot be teacher of record** until
program completed.

71 CR HOURS IN MAJOR

**Middle School Math, English,
Science or History (grades 5-8)**
T2T Program

ONLINE

To qualify for Transition to Teaching (T2T)
for Restricted Teaching License:

- Must complete a bachelor's degree or
higher in a specific subject area or
coursework equivalent to a major in
the subject area
- Pass relevant Praxis subject test
- **Must be hired as teacher of record** in
the qualifying subject area. Student
teaching not required.
- **GPA of 2.75+** in most recent 60 credit
hours

To complete the program and qualify for
Professional Teaching License:

- Must complete course requirements
within two years
- Pass Praxis PLT test (5623)
- Pass performance assessment (KPTP)
- Master's degree available

24 GRADUATE CR. HOURS

How do I become an Elementary Education classroom teacher?

(recent KSDE changes allow for a K-6 teacher to also teach 3 and 4 year olds)

Elementary Education (grades K-6)

ONLINE

OPTION 1

Complete traditional program to qualify for Initial Teaching License:

- Must complete a bachelor's degree
- Complete education program, including a semester of student teaching
- Pass Praxis subject test (7811) and PLT (5622) licensure exams
- Pass performance assessment (KPTP)
- **Cannot be teacher of record until program completed.**

72 CR. HOURS IN MAJOR

Elementary Education (grades K-6) Para Pathway

ONLINE

OPTION 2

Complete Para Pathway program to qualify for Initial Teaching License:

- Must complete bachelor's degree program in Elem Ed
- Complete 1 or 2 semester option for student teaching. 2 semester option allows half-time para employment and half-time student teaching.
- Pass Praxis subject test (7811) and PLT (5622) licensure exams
- Pass performance assessment (KPTP)
- **Cannot be teacher of record until program completed.**

68-72 CR. HOURS IN MAJOR

Elementary Education (grades K-6) Limited Apprentice License

ONLINE (PENDING SU19)

OPTION 3

Elementary Pilot graduate program to qualify for Limited Appr. License:

- Must have completed a bachelor's degree
- Complete a field experience (minimum 8 wks or full-time para) supervised by FHSU
- Complete some hours of program coursework

To complete the program and qualify for Initial Teaching License:

- Must complete remaining course requirements within two years
- **Can be hired as elementary classroom teacher of record while completing the program.**
- Complete mentor program
- Pass Praxis subject test (7811) and PLT (5622) licensure exams
- Pass performance assessment (KPTP)

36 CR. HOURS IN MAJOR

**Secondary subject area
(grades 6-12) and Art, Music,
Spanish, Physical Education
(grades P-12)**

OPTION 1

**BUSINESS & SPANISH
CONTENT 100% ONLINE
EDUCATION COURSES ALL
ONLINE**

**Complete traditional program to qualify
for Initial Teaching License:**

- **Must complete a bachelor's degree**
- **Complete education program, including a semester of student teaching**
- **Pass Praxis subject test and PLT (5624) licensure exams**
- **Pass performance assessment (KPTP)**
- **Cannot be teacher of record until program completed.**

**31 CR. HOURS PLUS SUBJECT
AREA COURSES (30-70 CR.
HOURS)**

**Secondary subject area
(grades 6-12) and Art, Music,
Spanish, Physical Education
(grades P-12)**

OPTION 2

T2T PROGRAM

ONLINE

**To qualify for Transition to Teaching (T2T)
for Restricted Teaching License:**

- **Must complete a bachelor's degree or higher in a specific subject area or coursework equivalent to a major in the subject area**
- **Pass relevant Praxis subject test**
- **Must be hired as teacher of record in the qualifying subject area. Student teaching not required.**
- **GPA of 2.75+ on most recent 60 credit hours**

**To complete the program and qualify for
Initial or Professional Teaching License:**

- **Must complete course requirements within two years**
- **Pass Praxis PLT test (5623 or 5624)**
- **Pass performance assessment (KPTP)**
- **Master's degree available**

24 GRADUATE CR. HOURS

**How do I
become a high
school teacher?**

**How do I become
a P-12 teacher for
Art, Physical
Education, Music
or Spanish?**

How do I become a Special Education teacher?

OPTION 1

High Incidence Special Education (grades P-12)

ONLINE

Complete traditional program for initial teaching license through FHSU and complete courses in the minor for Special Education concurrently.

- Pass Praxis SPED test (5543)
- **Cannot be teacher of record** until program completed.

9 ADDITIONAL CR. HOURS

OPTION 2

High Incidence Special Education (grades P-12)

ONLINE

Completion traditional or alternative program for initial teaching license, then complete courses in the graduate program for the endorsement.

- **Can work as a special education teacher** on a Waiver or Provisional License while completing the program.
- Pass Praxis SPED test (5543)
- Master's degree available

34 GRADUATE CR. HOURS

OPTION 3

High Incidence Special Education (grades P-12) Limited Apprentice License

ONLINE

To qualify for Limited Apprentice License:

- Must have completed a bachelor's degree
- Have one year of experience as a special education para
- Complete one additional semester of work as a para
- Complete 6-9 credit hours of program coursework

To complete the program and qualify for Initial Teaching License:

- Must complete remaining course requirements within two years
- **Must be hired as special education teacher of record** while completing the program
- Complete mentor program
- Pass Praxis SPED test (5543) and PLT (5623 or 5624)
- Pass performance assessment (KPTP)
- Master's degree available

24 GRADUATE CR. HOURS