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# 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 and Spanish education, however, are available 100% online.

There are two new Pilot programs approved by KSDE January 2018 that FHSU is participating in: Elementary Education Pilot (contact Dr. Jochum, cjjochum@fhsu.edu) and Special Education Pilot (contact Dr. Moore, bamoore4@fhsu.edu). Both of these programs allow for working as a teacher of record while completing the coursework for full licensure.

FHSU current tuition rates for online classes are $213/credit hour (undergraduate), $281/credit hour (graduate).

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**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 test (5024) 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 (5017) 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 a bachelor's degree
- Complete education program
- Complete two semesters of half-time student teaching while employed as a para the other half-time or student teach one semester full time
- Pass Praxis subject test (5017) 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)
Pilot Limited Apprentice License

ONLINE

OPTION 3

Elementary Pilot program to qualify for Limited Apprentice License:

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

To complete the program and qualify for Initial Teaching License:

- Must complete remaining course requirements within two years
- Must be hired as elementary classroom teacher of record while completing the program. No student teaching.
- Complete mentor program
- Pass Praxis subject test (5017) and PLT (5622) licensure exams
- Pass performance assessment (KPTP)

**57 CR. HOURS IN MAJOR**

## Secondary subject area (grades 6-12) or 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) or 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, Music, Physical Education 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)
## Pilot Limited Apprentice License

**ONLINE**

To qualify for Limited Apprentice License:

- Must complete a bachelor's degree
- Have one year of experience as a 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

**33 GRADUATE CR. HOURS**