

Admission to the Teacher Education Program

Teacher Education

McKendree University offers a teacher education program in both elementary and secondary education. Admission to the University does not automatically guarantee admission to the teacher education program. The checklist provided below along with the JALC transfer guides for education majors will help in gaining acceptance to the program.

Areas of Specialization — Elementary Education

In addition to all required education and core requirements for teacher certification, all students majoring in elementary education will choose an area of specialization. Areas of specialization include Art, Biology, Chemistry, English, French, General Science, German, History, Literature, Math, Music, Philosophy, Psychology, Political Science, Social Science, Sociology, and Spanish.

Areas of Specialization — Secondary Education

McKendree University offers the following state-approved teaching areas for those students wishing to obtain certification at the secondary level:

Art, Business, English Language Arts, Health, Math, Music, Physical Education, Science (Biology or Chemistry emphasis), Social Science (History, Political Science, or Psychology emphasis).

Admission to the Teacher Education Program — checklist

- ___ Complete ENG 111 (or ENG 101) and ENG 112 (or ENG 102) both with letter grades of C or better
- ___ Complete two math courses with grades of C or better. Please consult the Transfer Guide for recommended courses
- ___ Complete EDU 210* with a grade of C or better
- ___ Complete EDU 115*
- ___ Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75 in all courses work attempted
- ___ Pass the Illinois Basic Skills Test (for more information, visit their website: www.icts.nesinc.com)
- ___ Successfully complete an Illinois Criminal Background Check. If you have lived in any other states during the past 7 years, you will need a background check for each state.
- ___ Submit results of TB TINE test
- ___ Complete the application for admission to the Teacher Education Program*
- ___ Portfolio Evaluation by an Education instructor*
- ___ Successfully complete faculty review*
- ___ Receive an affirmative vote by the Council for Teacher Education*

*You will complete these steps during your first semester at McKendree

Students can begin taking classes for acceptance to the Teacher Education Program during the Fall or Spring semesters. Please contact a transfer counselor with any specific questions you may have.

