

# Transfer Guide

## Unified Early Childhood Education

### Independence Community College

The bachelor's degree in Unified Early Childhood teacher education at the University of Kansas School of Education and Human Sciences prepares individuals as teachers in both special and regular education settings for children ranging from birth to grade three.

Benefits of the program include:

- **Program Reputation** - KU's Bachelor's Degree in Unified Early Childhood Education is offered through the KU School of Education and Human Sciences, which recently ranked 9th in the nation according to *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Public Education Schools.
- **World Renowned Faculty** - Students in the program study with faculty from a #1 ranked public program in special education, according to *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Public Education Schools
- **Field Experiences, Early & Often** - The unified early childhood teacher education program combines professional education coursework with multiple field experiences working with infants/toddlers, pre-schoolers, and primary aged children.
- **Dual Programming** - Coursework fulfills the requirements for a Bachelor's degree as well as initial teaching licensure in Kansas. It's a two-for-one program at KU!
- **Student Organizations & Networking** - Students can actively participate in the Kansas National Education Association (KNEA), a unique, student-led organization dedicated to teacher quality, community outreach, and political action.
- **Nationally-accredited Program** - The KU School of Education and Human Sciences is accredited under the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Standards through the CAEP Accreditation System.

This transfer guide provides important information and a sample two-semester plan for a student starting at Independence Community College and transferring to KU for the remaining coursework. In addition, we provide additional courses a student may choose to take at the community college prior to transferring to KU. Each student's background and goals are unique. Thus we recommend ongoing communication with an advisor in the KU School of Education and Human Sciences. See contact information at the bottom of this page.

## Unified Early Childhood Education Admission Requirements

### 1 Step One: Admission to the University of Kansas

All incoming students must first gain admission to the University of Kansas. Admission applications to the University of Kansas may be completed online at [www.admissions.ku.edu](http://www.admissions.ku.edu). Gaining admission to the University of Kansas requires the submission of official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges/universities. Please note that indicating "Education Major" on your application to KU does not grant you entry to the KU School of Education and Human Sciences. For scholarship consideration, we encourage you to apply to KU by February 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the fall/summer semester or November 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the spring semester you plan to transfer to KU.

### 2 Step Two: Admission to the KU School of Education and Human Sciences

After granted admission to KU, students are permitted to complete the KU School of Education and Human Sciences application. Admission applications may be completed online at: [www.soe.ku.edu](http://www.soe.ku.edu). The application deadline for Admission is September 14<sup>th</sup> with the program beginning the following Spring. A complete application includes satisfactory essays and references including letters of recommendations. After admission a minimum of five semesters of coursework is required in the School of Education and Human Sciences.

#### Minimum Requirements to Apply to the Unified Early Childhood Education program:

Transfer students are eligible to apply during the semester they will complete the minimum application requirements:

1. Completion of six pre-admission foundation courses (must be taken for a grade).
2. Earned at least a 2.75 GPA in their KU plus transfer GPA.

- ENGL 101
- ENGL 102
- COMS 130
- MATH 101 or 104
- GEOG 104
- C&T 100

Admission is selective, meeting all of the above requirements does not guarantee admission.

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### First Semester

Composition, ENGL 101 (GE21)	ENG 1003	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaker Audience Communication, COMS 130 (GE22)	COM 1203	<input type="checkbox"/>
College Algebra, MATH 101 (GE12) <sup>1</sup>	MAT 1025	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intro to the Education Profession, C&T 100 (GE11)	EDU 1003	<input type="checkbox"/>
Principles of Biology & Lab, BIOL 100 & 102 (GE3N)	BIO 1005	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Second Semester

Critical Reading and Writing, ENGL 102 (GE21)	ENG 1013	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development & Learning of the Young Child, EPSY 305	BEH 1013	<input type="checkbox"/>
PHSX 111 & 116, <u>or</u> CHEM 110, <u>or</u> CHEM 130	PHS 1015	<input type="checkbox"/>
History of US through Civil War, HIST 128 (GE3H)	HIS 1023	<input type="checkbox"/>
Principles of Geography, GEOG 104 (GE3N)	No Equivalent Course	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Additional Notes for Transfer Students

- <sup>1</sup>Most community colleges offer a course equivalent to MATH 101, however, courses equivalent to MATH 101, 104 or a course higher than MATH 101 may also be taken to complete this requirement.
- It should be noted that due to prerequisites and course offerings if a student spends two years at a community college, the student may still have three years of courses to complete once at KU.
- Transfer credits with earned grades of D+ and below will not satisfy graduation requirements, but will be included in the transfer GPA. If a student takes a course and then repeats it at the same institution, KU will honor the course repeat policy in effect at the institution issuing the transcript.
- A bachelor's degree must include 120 completed credit hours. A student may apply a maximum of 64 credit hours of community college coursework to a KU degree. A student should work with an advisor to select the 64 best hours for the degree.
- Transfer courses may be matched to a course of opposite level at KU, but the level of credit is defined by the originating institution. (All community college courses are lower level.)
- View the most up-to-date listings of transferable courses at: <http://credittransfer.ku.edu>. You can search by specific KU Core goal or view many of the courses that transfer to KU. If a class is not listed contact [transfercredit@ku.edu](mailto:transfercredit@ku.edu) to inquire about transferability.

It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer program is provided as a service and is updated annually. Degree requirements are subject to change.