



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. It is important to note that Teacher Education at KU is a five-semester sequence after prerequisites/core courses are completed. Students are advised to consider transferring by spring of sophomore year, at the latest. We recommend consulting with one's adviser at Johnson County Community College and emailing us with any additional questions you have. See contact information at the bottom of this page.

Unified Early Childhood Education Admission Requirements

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Step One: Admission to the University of Kansas

Apply to the University of Kansas by filling out a transfer application at admissions.ku.edu. Gaining admission to the University of Kansas requires the submission of official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges/universities.

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

Select "School of Education and Human Sciences" as your school and "Unified Early Childhood" as the degree you will be pursuing.

Students should have a 2.75 PA or higher for their KU and KU + Transfer GPA to be considered for admission.

The following courses are recommendations to assist in the transfer process, but are not requirements for admission:

- ENGL 101
- ENGL 102
- COMS 130
- MATH 101 or 104
- GEOG 104
- C&T 100
- HIST 128

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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) ¹	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"/>
CHEM 110, <u>or</u> CHEM 130	PHS 1015 or PHS 1025	<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

- ¹Most 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: 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 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.