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

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, which recently ranked 8th in the nation according to *U.S. News & World Report*’s Best Public Education Schools.
- **Field Experiences, Early & Often** - The teacher education program combines general education courses and professional education coursework with multiple field experiences at the elementary level in rural, urban, and suburban communities.
- **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!
- **Teacher Licensure Options** - Students who successfully complete this program at KU may be eligible to take advantage of licensure endorsements options: TESOL or Special Education.
- **Student Organizations & Networking** - Students can actively participate in KU’s Rising Educators, a unique, student-led organization focused on professional development, service, and networking for all education majors.
- **Nationally-accredited Program** - The KU School of Education 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 Highland 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. See contact information at the bottom of this page.

## School of Education Unified Early Childhood Education Admission Requirements

### 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. For scholarship consideration, we encourage you to apply to KU by February 1st prior to the fall/summer semester or November 1st prior to the spring semester you plan to transfer to KU.

### Step Two: Admission to the KU School of Education

After granted admission to KU, students are permitted to complete the KU School of Education application. Admission applications to the School of Education may be completed online at: [www.soe.ku.edu](http://www.soe.ku.edu). Transfer students are eligible to apply during the semester they will complete the minimum requirements to apply (see below). The application deadline for Admission is the prior September 13th with the program beginning in the Spring. A complete application includes satisfactory essays and references including letters of recommendations.

**Minimum Requirements to Apply to the KU School of Education, Unified Early Childhood Education program:**

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

1. Completion of nine pre-admission foundation courses (must be taken for a grade).
   - MATH 101 or 104
   - COMS 130
   - ENGL 101
   - ENGL 102
   - GEOG 104
   - C&T 100
   - ANTH 160 or SOC 130

2. Earned at least a 2.75 GPA in their KU plus transfer GPA.

Admission is highly selective, meeting all of the above requirements does not guarantee admission.
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**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 may be taken to complete this requirement.
- 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, you will work with your advisor to select the most appropriate courses.
- If a student chooses to complete EPSY 305 he/she may need to take an additional upper-level course. 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](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.