

Teacher Leader Endorsement



Admission Requirements

1. Completion of application including admission to WKU Graduate School.
2. Evidence of Degree.
3. 2.75+ (Admission) Applicants with undergraduate degrees from all other accredited universities will be admitted without a qualifying GRE score if they have a minimum 2.75 GPA for all previous coursework (undergraduate and graduate).
4. Applicants with undergraduate degrees from all other accredited universities with a GPA lower than 2.75 (undergraduate and graduate) must achieve a GAP score $[(\text{GRE-V} + \text{GRE-Q}) + (\text{GPA} \times 100)]$ of 550 or higher. The 550 score must include a GRE Verbal Reasoning score of 139 or higher, a GRE Quantitative Reasoning score of 139 or higher, and a GRE Analytical Writing score of 3.5 or higher. For GRE scores prior to August 1, 2011, a GAP score (GRE x undergraduate GPA) of 2200 or higher and a GRE Analytical Writing score of 3.5 or higher is required.
5. Applicants must hold or be eligible to hold a teaching certificate OR have a valid program on file with the Office of Teacher Services. Applicants whose certificates have expired maybe admitted, but they may enroll for only six hours before they must apply to the EPSB for re-issued certificates. After completion of six hours, a candidate admitted with an expired certificate must submit a copy of the re-issued certificate before being allowed to register for any additional courses.

Program Requirements

The Teacher Leader Endorsement can be part of a Master's program, a Rank II, or a Rank I certification as well as a separate endorsement. Required hours in the program: 10-16.

Curriculum

The Teacher Leader Endorsement will be a 16 hour program that includes the following courses:

- TCHL 500 Foundations of Teacher Leadership (3 hours)
- TCHL 530 Curriculum Development (3 hours)
- TCHL 545 Classroom Instructional Strategies (3 hours)
- TCHL 555 School and Classroom Assessment (3 hours)
- TCHL 559 Action Research Design (1 hour)
- TCHL 560 Action Research Capstone for Teacher Leaders (3 hours)

All students must complete TCHL 545 and TCHL 555 or pass proficiency evaluations for these courses. For more information on proficiency evaluation open this link: http://www.wku.edu/ste/programs/graduate/mae_tchldr_prof_evals.php

TCHL 500, 530, 559 and 560 are required for all students, and there are no proficiency evaluations that may be substituted for these courses. While enrolled in TCHL 500, students will use several documents, including KTIP assessments or in-kind examples, dispositions self-surveys, referrals from school personnel, and their respective School Improvement Plan, to develop with endorsement advisors an individualized program of study related to Kentucky Teacher Standards, Framework for Teaching Components, and professional goals. Students are expected to enroll in TCHL 500 at the beginning of the endorsement and in TCHL 560 toward the end. Students should consult with their advisors regarding the optimal sequence of course work to meet their professional goals.

Completion Requirements

Students must successfully complete TCHL 560 – Action Research Capstone for Teacher Leaders (Course Grade of C or higher) and present research results in an approved venue. Students must achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA overall and in endorsement course work.