

**BRESCIA UNIVERISTY
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION PROGRAM**

- All candidates admitted to the Brescia University School of Education program must meet and/or successfully complete standards set by the School of Education faculty and submitted to Kentucky's Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB).
- The responsibility for application for admission to the School of Education Program lies with the candidate.
- Photographs of applicants to the School of Education Program will be taken at the time of candidate interviews, and will be placed in the candidates' permanent School of Education records.

Criteria for Admission to the School of Education Program

1. The candidate must possess the moral, personal/social, and ethical characteristics commensurate with standards of Brescia University and of the Professional Code of Ethics for Kentucky School Certified Personnel.
2. The candidate must submit a background check from the Kentucky State Police or their local law enforcement agency if they live in another state. The candidate is responsible for any costs incurred.
3. The candidate must have completed a minimum of 45 semester hours of university course work.
4. The candidate must have completed at least one academic semester of university course work at Brescia University.
5. The candidate must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 out of a possible 4.00 on all university course work attempted.
6. The candidate must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 out of a possible 4.00 or 3.0 GPA on last thirty hours of credit completed on all professional course work attempted.
7. The candidate must have successfully completed [*a grade of "C" or better and a combined GPA of 2.75 or higher*] two of the following courses: Edu 204 – Introduction to Education (Transfer students: See Edu 108), Edu 255 – Teaching Children with Exceptionalities, or Psy 300 – Developmental Psychology. One of the required courses; Edu108/Edu 204, Edu 255, or Psy 300; must be taken at Brescia University.
8. The candidate must have received a total score of 20 or more on Edu #4B, Professional Disposition Evaluation for the following courses taken at Brescia: Edu 204 – Introduction to Education, Edu 246 – Technology Application and Integration in Education, Edu 255 – Teaching Diverse Populations of Children and Youth, or Psy 300 – Developmental Psychology.
9. The candidate must demonstrate academic competence in the following ways:
 - a. Earning scores on the Praxis I, CASE that meet or exceed Kentucky's minimum criteria: Reading (5712) passing score 156, Writing (5722) passing score 162, and Mathematics (5735) passing score 150 (Effective 9/01/14; 16 KAR 5:020) ***and***
 - b. Maintaining a minimum college/university GPA of 2.75 on a 4.00 scale or 3.0 GPA on last thirty hours of credit completed.
10. For international candidates for whom English is a second language, competency on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is also required with at least a score of 550 to demonstrate reading and written language proficiency.
11. Three faculty references from current Brescia faculty are required. Requirements for choosing faculty are based on a candidate's major:

Interdisciplinary Early Childhood: Two from the School of Education faculty, one of candidate's choice (but either Social Work or Speech Pathology is suggested).

Elementary: Two from the School of Education faculty, one more of the candidate's choosing.

Middle School: One from the School of Education faculty and one from each of the candidate's two areas of specialization.

Secondary: One from the School of Education faculty, at least one from the candidate's teaching major(s), and one more of the candidate's choosing (if three have not been selected in the above process).

Special Education: Two from the School of Education faculty (one must be from the Special Education faculty), and (if including Elementary certification) one of the student's choosing, or (if including Middle School certification) one from candidate's other area of specialization.

12. Candidates who are seeking secondary or middle school certification who have completed their academic content preparation, and/or who possess a baccalaureate or master's degree in that content, must take and obtain a passing score on the PRAXIS II Specialty Exam(s) in their content area before being admitted to the School of Education.
13. The candidate must have demonstrated satisfactory performance in an interview conducted by members of the School of Education faculty and obtain a 3.0 or above on a scale of 5.0 on Edu #5A – Oral Presentation.
14. The evaluation of the candidate's disposition for the education profession shall include an oral presentation, written responses to the questions on the application form, and (if necessary) a conference with the candidate's advisor. The candidate must obtain a minimum rating of 20 out of a possible 28 on Edu #5a-Dispositions.
15. The candidate must submit an Application for Admission to School of Education by October 1, February 1, or May 1 during any given academic year. The application packet may be obtained in Room A357 or on the School of Education website.
16. In the event that a candidate does not submit his/her application by the deadline date because of extenuating circumstances, a letter of explanation to the Chair of the School of Education must accompany the application.
17. Admission to the School of Education requires that the applicant must not have been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude which would reflect upon the applicant's good moral character. Candidates will be required to list dates and convictions, along with a release of information concerning these convictions. Admission of candidates convicted of a felony will be determined on an individual basis by the School of Education Faculty Sub-Committee of the Teacher Education Advisory Committee (TEAC). Even if accepted into the program, a convicted felon may not be eligible for teacher certification in Kentucky.
18. A convicted felon applying for teacher certification in Kentucky must be approved by Kentucky's Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB).

NOTE: When submitting the request to EPSB for initial certification (upon program completion), the candidate will be required to respond to the following question: "Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor (other than a moving traffic violation), been found guilty, or entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest), even if adjudication was withheld, in Kentucky or any other state?"