

BRESCIA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
ADMISSION into CLINICAL PRACTICE

EDU #6

- Applications for Admission into Clinical Practice are accepted October 1, February 1 and May 1 of each academic year. The responsibility for application to Clinical Practice lies with the candidate. In the event that a candidate does not turn in his/her application by the deadline date, a letter of explanation to the Chair of the School of Education and members of the School of Education faculty Sub-Committee of the Teacher Education Advisory Committee (TEAC) must accompany the application, a Health Certificate and verification of TB test. In the event that the Health Certificate is not attached to the application, a similar letter (addressed to members of the Teacher Education Advisory Committee) will be required for submission of the application.

Criteria for Admission into Clinical Practice

1. The candidate must have been accepted into the School of Education no later than the semester prior to application for Admission into Clinic Practice.
2. The candidate must have completed a minimum of 90 semester hours of university course work by the date of the application.
3. By the application deadline, the candidate must have completed two semesters of university course work at Brescia University. (Exception: In certain cases, post-graduates seeking certification only may have less than two full semesters of remaining course work.)
4. Prior to Admission to Clinical Practice, Brescia teacher candidates must complete 200 hours of field and clinic experiences; at least 75% of such hours (or a minimum of 150 hours) must be "field" hours – defined as participation or involvement with students or clients in educational settings (or – in pre-identified courses – in service settings).
5. By the application deadline, the candidate must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 out of a possible 4.00 on all university work attempted, on all professional courses attempted, and in the teaching major or academic emphasis area as well as a GPA of 3.00 out of a possible 4.00 for the last 30 credit hours. The candidate must also maintain at least this minimum 2.75 GPA until beginning Clinical Practice. Failure to maintain the minimum GPA will result in removal of permission to student teach.
6. Each candidate must have the recommendation of the advisor(s) within his/her certification area(s). As a demonstration of adequate content knowledge and skills, the candidate must also have the recommendation of the advisor in his/her major field or area of academic emphasis.
7. Candidates seeking certification only and who have already obtained a baccalaureate or advanced degree in their academic content area *and* have obtained passing scores on the relevant PRAXIS II Specialty Exams shall be regarded as having demonstrated content knowledge in their fields adequate for Clinical Practice. [TEAC May 28, 2003]
8. Teacher Candidates must take their licensure exam or their PRAXIS II specialty exam(s) and the relevant Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exams prior to being admitted to Clinical Practice. [TEAC November 9, 2005]

9. The candidate must prepare and present a portfolio designed to demonstrate competency in each Kentucky Teacher Standard to external evaluators. Portfolio preview feedback identifies current level of competency and provides specifics on areas of strength and areas for improvement based on Edu #23 with a target of *Accomplished* (3). The portfolio must be submitted through TaskStream.
10. The candidate must prepare and present a portfolio demonstrating competency by attaining a rating of *Accomplished* (3) based on Edu #24 in each Kentucky Teacher Standard from external evaluators and members of the Teacher Education Advisory Committee (TEAC). The portfolio must be submitted through TaskStream.
11. Each candidate must have completed or be in the process of completing the curriculum course and/or methods course(s) required for certification.
12. Each candidate must have a completed Brescia University Health Form on file in the School of Education Office. This form must be completed and submitted at the time of application and must include evidence of a TB risk assessment.
13. At least 75% of the course work for the teaching major must be completed, or be in progress, at the time of filing for Admission into Clinical Practice. Prior to the actual Clinical Practice semester, all work, including professional courses, through the junior level must be completed.
14. The candidate must have received a recent (within 6 months of Clinical Practice) Federal background check with fingerprints, which includes state and local agencies. The candidate is responsible for the costs.