Admission to the School of Education Program

- All students 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 student [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 have record of a fingerprint/background check completed by the Kentucky State Police.

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 grade point average of 2.50 out of a possible 4.00 on all university course work attempted.

6. The candidate must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.50 out of a possible 4.00 on professional course work attempted.

7. The candidate must have successfully completed [a grade of “C” or better and a combined GPA of 2.5 or higher] two of the following courses: Edu 204 – Introduction to Education, Edu 255 – Teaching Children with Exceptionalities, or Psy 300 – Developmental Psychology. One of the required two courses must be taken at Brescia University.

8. If the candidate has taken the America College Test (ACT) or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), he/she must supply his/her ACT or SAT score to the Educational Studies Program office.

9. The candidate must demonstrate academic competence in one or more of the following ways:
   a. Earning a minimum composite score of 21 on the ACT; or
   b. Earning a minimum composite score of 990 on the SAT I, with a writing assessment; or
   c. Earning at least the passing scores [still to be determined] on the Brescia University placement COMPASS exams; or
   d. Earning scores on the Pre-Professional Skill Test (PPST), written or computer, that meet or exceed Kentucky’s minimum criteria: Reading (173), Mathematics (173), and Writing (172); and
   e. Maintaining a minimum college/university GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale.

10. For international candidates for whom English is a second language, a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) of at least 550 could demonstrate reading and written language proficiency. Candidates who choose to use the TOEFL must also maintain a college/university
GPA of at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale and must demonstrate academic proficiency on the math components of either 9(c) or 9(d).

11. Three current Brescia faculty references are required and should be chosen in the following manner:

   Interdisciplinary Early Childhood: Two from the School of Education faculty, one of candidate’s choice (but either Social Work or Speech Pathology are 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 Educational Studies Program [Teacher Education Advisory Committee (TEAC) May 28, 2003].

13. The candidate must have demonstrated satisfactory performance in an interview conducted by members of the Educational Studies faculty. (Obtain a 3.0 or above on a scale of 5.0.) [TEAC November 6, 2002].

14. The evaluation of the candidate’s disposition for the education profession shall include an oral presentation, written responses to the three questions on the application form, and (if necessary) a conference with the candidate’s advisor. The candidate must gain a minimum rating of 14 out of a possible 28.

15. The candidate must submit an application for admission into Educational Studies by October 1, February 1, or May 1. These forms may be obtained in the School of Education office.

16. In the event that a candidate does not submit his/her application by the deadline date due to extenuating circumstances, a letter of explanation to the Program Chair and members of the School of Education faculty subcommittee must accompany the application.

17. Admission to the School of Education (and to Student Teaching) 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 TEAC. Even if accepted into the program, a convicted felon may not be eligible for certification in Kentucky. A convicted felon applying for certification in Kentucky must be approved by Kentucky’s Education Professional Standards Board.

   NOTE: When submitting the request to the 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?”