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The School of Education programs include:

**INTERDISCIPLINARY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (IECE):** Bachelor of Science degree with certification birth to primary.

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Science degree with P-5 certification.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Science degree with 5-9 certification.

**SECONDARY EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Science or Arts degree, with 8-12 certifications in Biology, English, Mathematics, or Social Studies.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Science degree with P-12 certification in Learning and Behavior Disorders (LBD); can be earned only with either Elementary or Middle School certification. Endorsement in Learning and Behavior Disorders, grades 8-12, also available.

**P-12 CERTIFICATION:** Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education or Spanish Education with P-12 certification.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TEACHER LEADERSHIP (MSTL):** Post-baccalaureate degree *(see pp. 187–191)*.

**ADMISSION TO SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND TO STUDENT TEACHING:**
Students must be formally accepted into the School of Education prior to enrolling in most upper division teacher education courses. Applications for admission into the School of Education and for admission to student teaching are filed in the School of Education Office on or before October 1, February 1, or May 1 of each academic year.

Application for admission into the School of Education is completed no sooner than the second semester of the sophomore year. The application process includes:

1. Satisfactory scores on the PRAXIS I Pre-Professional Skills Test;
2. Demonstration of teacher dispositions and oral competence;
3. Reference screening; and
4. Completion of a State Police background check.

The applicant must also achieve and maintain a 2.75 cumulative grade point average and have successfully **completed two of the following three professional courses: Edu 204, Edu 255, Psy 300.** *Note: Students transferring a course equivalent to Edu 204 must also take Edu 108 prior to admission to the School of Education.*

Application for student teaching is completed the semester prior to the student-teaching experience. Prerequisites include:

1. Completion of required course work;
2. Submission of a professional portfolio;
3. Recommendation of faculty in area of certification and completion of PRAXIS specialty and PLT exams;
4. Completion of 150 field and clinic hours;
5. A grade point average of at least 2.75 out of a possible 4.00, or 3.0 GPA on the last thirty (30) hours of credit completed on all University coursework attempted; and
6. An extensive background check completed by the federal government, the Kentucky State Police, and the local police department.

A current health form is required of all student teacher applicants.

Applications for admission into the School of Education and for admission to student teaching cannot be made during the same semester.

**General Education Requirements for Teacher Education:** Students in education must complete Brescia University General Education Requirements, with the following special designations:

1. Social and Behavioral Science courses must include three hours of American history, preferably History of the United States (His 201/202); and
2. Natural Science courses must include both a biological science and a physical science, both with labs.

**Program Completion and Application for Certification:** Students seeking certification must successfully complete the PRAXIS II Specialty Test(s) in their area(s) of certification. Upon successful completion of the Teacher Education Program and obtaining passing scores on the relevant PRAXIS specialty and the Principles of Learning and Teaching tests, the Brescia

University graduate is eligible for a Kentucky Statement of Eligibility for Teacher Certification. The graduate must also file an Application for Teacher Certification (TC-1) in the Office of the Registrar. Upon obtaining full-time employment as an initially certified teacher, the Brescia graduate may complete the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP). At that point, s/he becomes a fully certified teacher.

In compliance with the Title II Higher Education Act requirements, Brescia reports a 89% summary PRAXIS II pass rate for 2011-2012.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TEACHER LEADERSHIP (MSTL) – Online and On-Campus

**Matriculated Student:** Each MSTL applicant must submit the following to the Brescia University Admissions Office:

1. An application for admission and a non-refundable $50 application fee;
2. Official undergraduate transcripts of credit earned from all institutions of higher education previously attended;
3. Evidence of completion of the GRE, with a minimum score of 400 on each of the three parts; or successful completion of the Praxis II PLT and Specialty test in the candidate's subject area(s); or successful completion of the National Teacher Exam (NTE); or successful completion of another state's certification exam(s); or current Kentucky Provisional or Professional Teaching Certification;
4. Demonstration of cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or above for undergraduate degree; and
5. Two letters of reference indicating applicant's probability of success in a graduate program.

The applicant must also be interviewed by the Director of the MSTL program. Applicants who successfully meet the above criteria may be accepted unconditionally into the program.

An applicant failing to meet the minimum admissions requirements is individually considered by the Admissions Committee and the Director of the MSTL program. Following the interview and review of application materials, the Director of the MSTL program will then recommend one the following:

1. *Grant admission as a regular MSTL student;*
2. *Grant admission as a non-degree student* (refer to *Non-Matriculated Student* section below)*; or*
3. *Deny admission.*

If a student is denied admission, the applicant is provided reasons for denial and steps to be followed if s/he wishes to re-apply to the University.

**Non-Matriculated Student:** Students who wish to study at Brescia but not follow a degree program may apply to enroll for courses without following the standard application procedure. No transcript is needed. Students need only complete an application for admission and pay a one-time nonrefundable application fee of $50. Approval of the Director of the MSTL program is required. A maximum of twelve (12) hours may be taken as a non-matriculated student. If the student later decides to pursue a degree, the regular admissions procedure must be followed.

**Credit Transfer:** Six (6) hours of credit or 2 courses may be transferred into the program. Transfer credits may not be older than 6 years.

**Program Completion:** After admission to the program, students must complete the MSTL within six (6) years.

***Any exceptions to the above policies must be approved by the Director of the MSTL Program.***