ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (RANK1)

Rank 1 Program in Elementary Education Advanced Practitioner
Unit: College of Education and Human Development (http://louisville.edu/education/) (GE)
Department: Elementary, Middle and Secondary Teacher Education (https://louisville.edu/education/departments/mise/)
Program Webpage (https://louisville.edu/education/degrees/rank/)
Academic Plan Code(s): ERERK1LAP

Program Information

Rank 1 programs are not an academic degree programs.

Rank 1 programs are planned graduate-level programs designed for Kentucky teachers seeking rank change for salary purposes. They are recognized only in the state of Kentucky. By state regulation, Rank 1 status is 60 credit hours of approved graduate credit including a master's degree.

Teachers who complete a Rank 1 program may obtain a Rank change for salary purposes in Kentucky. Through a Rank 1 program, teachers may increase their depth of knowledge in their teaching areas or in additional areas of certification, as appropriate.

Admission Requirements

Students may apply to the program by first going to the Graduate School website and completing the graduate application (https://graduate.louisville.edu/admission/apply/).

Admission requirements include the following credentials:

- Official transcripts with a GPA of 2.75 in the bachelor's degree and a GPA of 3.0 in the master's degree.
- Teaching certificate in Elementary Education and a master's degree/Rank II.
- All applicants for whom English is a second language must also submit official TOEFL scores of 79 or higher on the internet-based test, 213 or higher on the computer-based test. English proficiency can also be met by submitting official IELTS scores of at least 6.5 overall band score from the academic module exam or official Duolingo overall score of 105.
- Signed Professional Code of Ethics/Technology User Agreement.

Applicants who have attended a college or university outside of the United States are also required to submit an evaluation of their transcript through either WES (World Education Services) (http://wes.org/) or ECE (Educational Credential Evaluators) (http://ece.org/). Please note that transcript evaluations can sometimes take several weeks.

Please have transcripts sent to:

> **University of Louisville**
> **Graduate School, Admissions**
> Houchens Building, Suite 105
> Louisville, KY 40292

If transcripts are sent electronically, please have them sent to the following email: gradadm@louisville.edu.

Program Requirements

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(Teachers Who Have Earned a Master's Degree/Rank II)

Code	Title	Hours
Inquiry		**3**
Select one of the following:		
EDAP 639	Education Research in P-12 Setting	
LEAD 601	Applied Statistics	
Advocacy (Professional Leader)		
Leadership		**3**
Select one of the following courses:		
EDAP 624	Curriculum Theory	
EDAP 637	Using Assessment to Improve Student Achievement	
EDAP 677	Developing Collaborative Groups: Facilitating, Coaching and Mentoring	
LEAD 636	Instructional Leadership 2	
Diversity		**3**
Select one of the following courses:		
EDTP 503	Developing Cross-Cultural Competence: Teaching Students from Diverse Backgrounds	
EDAP 521	Teaching English Learners in the Classroom	
EDAP 638	Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	
EDAP 642	Literacy Learning and Cultural Differences	
Area of Emphasis		**12-18**
Elective		**0-6**
Action (Problem Solver)		**3**
EDAP 681	Teacher Leadership in Practice	
Minimum Total Hours		**30**

Up to fifteen (15) credit hours of graduate credit may be transferred to the Rank I program as long as the student will have completed 60 credit hours of approved graduate credit including a Masters degree at the end of the Rank I program. Transfer credit must be officially accepted by the advisor, and final acceptance is dependent upon receipt of official transcripts.

In the Rank 1 program, at least fifteen (15) credit hours of new graduate coursework must be taken at the University of Louisville.

To complete the program, a minimum grade point average of 3.0 is required. No credit shall be accepted for a grade lower than a B-minus.

Midpoint Requirement

Candidates are required to submit a mid-program performance assessment at the completion of fifteen (15) credit hours of coursework. The faculty advisor will assess the candidate's performance assessment, which must be at the Exemplary or Target level. The performance assessment must address content, classroom environment, teaching, assessment, and reflection, and include an artifact (such as a video) to document professional learning.

Exit Requirements

Hallmark Assessment Task for EDAP 681 or equivalent project that demonstrates proficiency in the Kentucky Teacher Performance Standards.