MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION

(RANK1)

Rank 1 Program in Middle Grades Education Advanced Practitioner
Unit: College of Education and Human Development (https://louisville.edu/education/(ED)
Department: Elementary, Middle and Secondary Teacher Education
(https://louisville.edu/education/departments/mise/)
Program Website (https://louisville.edu/education/degrees/rank/)
Academic Plan Code(s): MSEDRI1MAP

Program Information

Rank 1 programs are not 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.

Admissions Requirements

Students may apply to the program by first going to the Graduate School
(http://louisville.edu/graduate/apply/) website. Admission requirements
include the following credentials:

• Graduate application (http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/
apply-materials/application/).
• Official transcripts with a GPA of 2.75 in the Bachelor's degree and a
GPA of 3.0 in the master's degree.
• 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 World Education Services (https://
www.wes.org/) (WES) (https://www.wes.org/) or Educational
Credential Evaluators (https://www.ece.org/ECE/) (ECE)(https://
www.ece.org/ECE/). Please note that transcript evaluations can
sometimes take several weeks.
• 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. Students holding a bachelor's or
advanced degree from an accredited institution in the United States
may be exempt from this requirement.
• Teaching certificate in Middle Grades Education and a master's
degree/Rank II
• Signed Professional Code of Ethics/Technology User Agreement

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 e-mail: gradadm@louisville.edu.

Rank 1 Requirements

(For teachers who have earned a master's degree)

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| Minimum Total Hours | 30 |

Minimum of fifteen (15) credit hours in 600-level courses is required.

Up to fifteen (15) credit hours of graduate credit may be transferred to
the Rank 1 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 1 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, students must have minimum 3.0 cumulative
grade point average. No grade lower than B-minus will be accepted.

Midpoint Requirement

Candidates are required to submit a mid-point performance assessment
to their faculty advisor 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, assessing, and reflection, using 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.

* Course project must address all of the Kentucky Academic Standards.