SECONDARY EDUCATION (RANK1)

Rank I Program in Secondary Education
Unit: College of Education and Human Development (https://louisville.edu/education/)(GE)
Department: Elementary, Middle and Secondary Education (https://louisville.edu/education/departments/mise/)
Program Webpage (https://louisville.edu/education/degrees/rank/)
Academic Plan Code(s): SE_RK1SAP

Program Information

Rank I programs are not degree programs.

Rank I 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 I status is 60 credit hours of approved graduate credit including a master's degree.

Teachers who complete a Rank I program may obtain a rank change for salary purposes in Kentucky. Through a Rank I 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 web site and completing the graduate application (http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application/).

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.
- 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.
- TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo (Students holding a baccalaureate or advanced degree from an accredited institution in the U.S. are exempt from this requirement.)
- Teaching certificate in grades 8-12, P-12, or 5-12 and a master's degree/Rank II
- Signed Professional Code of Ethics/Technology User Agreement

Please have transcripts sent to:

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

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

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 I program, as long as the student will have completed sixty (60) credit hours of approved graduate credit including a master's 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 I 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 a 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 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, through an artifact (such as a video), to document professional learning.
Exit Requirements: Hallmark Assessment Task to be completed in EDAP 681 or equivalent project that demonstrates proficiency in the Kentucky Academic Standards.