**SPECIAL EDUCATION - ADVANCED PRACTITIONER P-12 (RANK1)**

**Rank 1 Program in Special Education - Advanced Practitioner P-12**
Unit: College of Education and Human Developments (http://louisville.edu/education) (GE)
Department: Special Education (http://louisville.edu/education/departments/sped)
Program Webpage (http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/rank)
Academic Plan Code(s): SPE_RK1

**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.

**Admission Requirements**

- Application to Graduate School (http://louisville.edu/graduate/apply)
- Official transcripts with a minimum 2.75 GPA in the Bachelors degree and 3.0 GPA or higher for graduate work
- Kentucky teaching certificate
- Master's degree/Rank II
- Signed Professional Code of Ethics/Technology User Agreement form

Candidates who earned a baccalaureate (and/or advanced) degree outside the U.S., and whose native language is not English, must submit official TOEFL scores that meet minimum criteria, and must submit an evaluated transcript from WES (World Education Services) (https://www.wes.org) or ECE (Educational Credential Evaluators) (https://www.ece.org/ECE).

**Program Requirements**

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<td>Education Research in P-12 Setting (Select one of the following:)</td>
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**Advocacy (Professional Leader)**

Select one of the following:

- EDSP 651 Professional and Ethical Practice of Applied Behavior Analysis
- EDSP 652 Academic and Behavior Response to Intervention
- EDAP 624 Curriculum Theory
- EDAP 637 Using Assessment to Improve Student Achievement
- ELFH 603 Administrative Leadership in a Reform Environment

**Area of Emphasis**

15

**Elective**

3

Minimum Total Hours

30

**Midpoint Requirement:** Candidates are required to submit a mid-program 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, which must be at the exemplary or target level. The performance assessment must address content, classroom environment, teaching, assessing, and reflection, and an artifact such as a video, to document professional learning.

**Exit Requirement:** Project that demonstrates exemplary or target in all of the Kentucky Teacher Performance Standards.

A 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 master's 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 a minimum 3.0 grade point average. No credit shall be accepted for carrying a grade lower than B-minus.

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