The School of Education’s teacher certification programs are currently being updated and reviewed by the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. Detailed transfer and program information will be published as soon as it is available. Until then please contact SOE Student Services for assistance selecting coursework for your program of choice.

School of Education Student Services: education@umkc.edu or 816-235-2234

The UMKC School of Education (SOE) offers undergraduate programs leading to certification to teach at the Early Childhood (Birth-grade 3), Elementary (grades 1-6), Middle (grades 5-9), and Secondary (grades 9-12) levels as well as specialist K-12 programs. All programs include placement of student teachers in one of UMKC’s nine partner school districts and an emphasis on teaching within an urban and/or diverse setting.

All UMKC undergraduate degrees require at least 120 credit hours, some programs may require more hours. Students must complete at least 30 credit hours at UMKC and at least 12 upper division credit hours in their major department / program at UMKC to be eligible to receive an undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Middle School Program Areas
Language Arts
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies

Secondary Education Program Areas
Biology
Chemistry
Earth Science
English
Mathematics
Physics

K-12 Specialist Program Areas
Art
French
German
Spanish
Music-Choral or Instrumental*

*Bachelor of Music Education program housed in the UMKC Conservatory of Music & Dance, see conservatory.umkc.edu for details.

School of Education Transfer Admission Requirements:
• 2.0 GPA or higher to be admitted as a pre-education student.
• 2.75 GPA or higher for the Early Childhood Education program.
• 3.0 GPA or higher for the Teacher Education Professional program.