State of Florida

Licensure Information

Graduates from KU’s School of Education teach all over the United States and throughout the world. Specific licensure/certification requirements vary by state, and every student’s licensure situation is different.

The University of Kansas is committed to helping you make the right educational decision. Our Admissions Advisors and licensure resources are available to assist you in understanding licensure/certification in your state prior to enrolling at the University of Kansas.

The Florida Department of Education has a specific department for teacher licensure, called the Educator Certification department. The Florida Educator Certification department is the authoritative source for the most up-to-date and comprehensive information about licensure and certification in Florida. You should not make decisions about your education or teaching career in Florida without checking with the Florida Educator Certification department that you are on track to fulfill the requirements that will apply in your particular situation.

Will this online Master’s program meet the requirements for an endorsement to my existing teaching license in Florida?

No program can guarantee the issuance of an endorsement to an out-of-state teaching license. In each state, the process for obtaining an endorsement may involve factors other than the academic content of a given program. However, based on the information currently made available online by the Florida Educator Certification Department, this online Master’s program in Special Education could meet the academic criteria for a graduate to seek an endorsement to an existing teaching license in Florida, in Special Education (Exceptional Student Education). Additional requirements may be necessary to obtain an endorsement, as referenced in this link to the Florida Educator Certification Department website: http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/additions/

Because requirements can change over time and the state’s regulatory authority is the ultimate source for decisions about licensure, we strongly recommend that you check with the Florida Educator Certification Department to determine if your selected program would meet the criteria that are relevant to your career goals in that state.

Will this online Master’s program meet the requirements for initial teaching licensure in Florida?

No program can guarantee licensure: in each state, the application process for licensure involves factors other than the academic content of a given program. All candidates interested in this program should contact the Florida Educator Certification Department to determine how this endorsement program (not an initial licensure program) can be used toward licensure in their state. Additionally, in many states the steps to initial licensure can be simplified and streamlined greatly if the individual applying for initial licensure received an initial teaching license from the state in which he or she completed an initial licensure program.
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**Where can I find additional information?**
The Florida Department of Education has a specific department for teacher licensure, called the Educator Certification department. The Educator Certification department has a self-service website with several helpful click-through roadmaps to determine an individual’s path to licensure in the state.

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