

Assessment System Decision Points for Advanced Program Candidates

Decision Point 1: Admission to a program of study, candidates are subjected to a screening process that includes:

- Completed Graduate School application
- Achieve an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 in last 60 hours of undergraduate or at least 2.5 overall GPA
- Meet department requirement such as content GPA, GRE, coursework, minimum content hours, and personal interview
- Earn a grade of at least a “B” in each course or a GPA of at least 3.0 in courses taken
- Meet departmental assessments as measured by rubrics, letters, and writing proficiency
- Demonstration of appropriate dispositions

Decision Point 2: To be permitted to do the advanced level field experience, candidates must:

- Successfully complete required preliminary coursework
- Earn a grade of at least a “B” in each course or a GPA of at least 3.0 in courses taken
- Complete the coursework that includes the technology component as specified in the technology matrix
- Gain approval of the department or committee of the placement experience and/or project idea
- Earn a satisfactory score on the dispositions assessment

Decision Point 3: Candidates must successfully complete their field experiences before being assessed for program completion. Based on the candidate’s performance and input from the University supervisor and off-campus supervisor, if applicable, the University supervisor assigns a grade for the field experience activity. The candidate is required to have a minimum grade of “B” in the field experience before being allowed to proceed to the program completion decision point. The chart below describes the field experience activity for each of the advanced programs.

Decision Point 4: All advanced candidates must demonstrate a practical knowledge, grounded in theory, of key concepts and skills included in the curriculum pertinent to their field of study. Program completion assessments vary from program to program each require:

- Completion of all content coursework with a GPA of at least 3.0
- Passing score on Praxis II, when implemented by KSDE and if applicable
- Completion of all pedagogical coursework with a GPA of at least 3.0 (teaching programs only)
- Complete requirements specified by department
- Successfully complete the field experience activity
- Earn a satisfactory score on the dispositions assessment
- Complete all degree/program requirements
- Received approval of the department chair