

## What Students Should Know Before Transferring to Kean's College of Education

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1. There are several requirements for achieving "Declared Major" status which is when you will begin your professional preparation and are admitted to the College of Education. Usually when a student transfers to Kean to be in a teacher education program, he/she is admitted as an "Intended Major" pending accomplishment of the following requirements:

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75
- **Please be advised that beginning September of 2012, the minimum cumulative GPA will be 3.0.**
- Have taken and met the required scores on the **Praxis I** test in the areas of Math-174, Writing-173, Reading-175.
  - a. It is a good idea to take and pass the Praxis I tests BEFORE your first semester at Kean.
  - b. Go to [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) for information and how to register
- Have passed English Composition (ENG 1030 or equivalent) with a grade of "C" or better. (A grade of "B-" is required for Elementary, Elementary/Bilingual, Middle & Secondary Education and Teacher of Students w/Disability majors.)
- Have passed Speech Communication (COMM 1402 or equivalent) with a grade of "C" or better. (A grade of "B-" is required for Elementary, Elementary/Bilingual, Middle & Secondary Education and Teacher of Student w/Disability majors.)
- Have passed a college-level math course with a grade of "C" or better. (A grade of "B-" is required for Elementary, Elementary/Bilingual, Middle & Secondary Education and Teacher of Student w/Disability majors.)
- Have passed a Lab Science Course, 1000 level or above with a grade of "C" or better. (Elementary, Elementary/Bilingual, Middle & Secondary Education students are required to take BIO1000.)
- Have passed an Introductory (Sophomore) Field Education course (EC 2900, FA 2900, EMSE 2800, 2801 or 2802, MUS 2900, PED 2800, SPED 2120, or equivalent) with a grade of "B-" or better.
- Have passed a speech and hearing screening (Administered through the Speech Clinic on East Campus, Room 104L. Appointments can be scheduled at [www.kean.edu/~cdd](http://www.kean.edu/~cdd))
- File an application for admission with the department.

2. It is recommended that you decide on your "Academic Content Area" or your "Academic Major" before registering for your first semester at Kean. ALL teacher education majors EXCEPT Physical Education must have at least 30 credits of an academic content area or academic major. If you intend to be a middle school or high school teacher then you must have an academic major. (See chart below)

<b>Program/Area of Licensure</b>	<b>Academic Content Area/ Academic Major Choices</b>
Early Childhood P-3; K-5 Elementary/Bilingual K-5 Special Education P-3 Special Education K-5	ART HISTORY BIOLOGY CHEMISTRY/PHYSICS COMMUNICATIONS EARTH SCIENCE ECONOMICS ENGLISH (Standard Literature) ENGLISH (Writing) FINE ARTS HISTORY MATHEMATICS MUSIC POLITICAL SCIENCE PSYCHOLOGY SOCIOLOGY SPANISH SUSTAINABILTY SCIENCE (pending) THEATRE
<b>Program/Area of Licensure</b>	<b>Academic Major Choices (MUST be one from this list)</b>
Elementary/Middle School K-5; 5-8 Special Education K-5; 5-8	BIOLOGY CHEMISTRY/PHYSICS EARTH SCIENCE ENGLISH (Standard Literature) HISTORY MATHEMATICS SPANISH

3. It is essential that you make contact early with a faculty advisor in the program that you are intending to enter. Please visit the department of choice on the College of Education website ([www.kean.edu/KU/College-of-Education](http://www.kean.edu/KU/College-of-Education)) for faculty names and contact information to ask questions, or to set up an advisement session.

**Our best advice:** Accomplish as much as possible while you are a community college student. Pass the Praxis I before you transfer. Take some of the required equivalent courses before you transfer. The more you do early on, the faster you can be formally admitted to an education program at Kean.