

## About Park University's School of Education

The School of Education at Park University is to be known as a leader in the preparation of educators who will address the needs, challenges and possibilities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Derived from Park's vision, mission and core values, the School of Education's vision is to develop leaders in education. The School of Education's mission, embodied in five goals, is the commitment to prepare teacher candidates to be effective school professionals, reflective change agents, and advocates for equity and excellence. These core beliefs guide the School of Education as it nurtures and supports the development of teacher candidates' knowledge, skills and dispositions so they can be leaders and assume the roles of effective school professionals as they progress and transition through their program.

## Admissions Requirements

1. A bachelor's degree in education from a regionally accredited institution and hold a valid state teaching certificate (applicant must provide copy of the certificate). 2. Minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. 3. A felony background check and FBI fingerprint check must be completed for admission. Admission is dependent upon clearance. Students can show proof of employment by getting a letter from HR or their school Administrator in lieu of a background check. 4. Child abuse or neglect screening. (Note: If items 3 and 4 above have been completed for continuous employment or for the U.S. military, a copy of the same may be submitted. 5. Students with a GPA between 2.75 and 2.99 will be admitted on Probation. Students below 2.75 will be reviewed by the area coordinators 6. Be officially admitted to the School of Education.

## Transfer Credits

No more than six (6) hours of graduate credit transferred from another academic institution may be used to meet master's degree requirements at Park University, unless such transfer is governed by interuniversity agreement. Transfer is granted only after an evaluation of the appropriateness of the courses by the program director. Other criteria that must be met in order for credits to be considered are:

1. Transfer course content is appropriate to the program. Only transfer credit earned from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education, or its equivalent, if the institution is a foreign university or college, is accepted.
2. The grade earned in the course is "B" or better.
3. Earned master's thesis credits may not be transferred.
4. The credit is not more than seven years old. A program director may waive this requirement on a course by course basis if, in his/her judgment, the content of the course has not changed appreciable during the applicable period.
5. The transfer credit must be requested prior to acceptance into the program, unless otherwise approved by the program director.

## Cohort Information

These programs are dependent on a minimum of 10 and class size is limited to 22 students.

## Tuition Information

The discounted tuition rate for the 2020-2021 academic year is \$464 per credit hour for SP21 students. This includes a 20% tuition discount for teachers enrolled in graduate educational programs.

## Important Contact Information

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