International Teaching Minor

The International Teaching Minor is designed for the education major who is interested in a career in teaching outside of the United States. The primary goal of the International Teaching Minor is to prepare competent, committed, caring professionals to teach and serve the needs of students and schools in an international setting.

The program consists of 18-20 credit hours. This minor does not lead to an endorsement to a Kansas teaching certificate/license.

Courses in the International Teaching Minor Program

EDUC 551 Diversity in the Classroom 3 hours. Designed to provide an awareness of and sensitivity to the concepts and goals of multicultural/equity education with a focus on the special needs learner. Includes the diverse, historical tapestry of cultures that make up the US and the role language plays in the development of cultural identities. May be taken for honors.

EDUC 553 Assessment and the English Language Learner. 3 hours. Details assessment issues relating to formal and informal first and second-language assessment instruments and techniques; item and test construction methods; administration, interpretation, and explanation of test results including identification, placement, monitoring, and exiting of the ELL. Includes hands-on use and interpretation of assessment tools.

EDUC 554 Methods and Instructional Materials for English Language Learners. 3 hours. Provides an understanding of the role of language in learning; the importance of developing ELL’s communication skills. Includes methodology and instructional materials for the school setting; strategies for native language support, curricular and instructional adaptation; and advocacy for ELL students. Acknowledges the important role of family literacy in second language acquisition. Prerequisite or concurrent enrollment in EDUC 261 Explorations in Education.

COMM 601 Intercultural Communication or equivalent course approved by advisor. 3 hours. Exploration of the cultural foundations of values, perceptions, and behaviors as they relate to communication across cultures.

MML _____ Modern Languages and Literature. 5 hours. Any of the language and/or literature courses offered by the Department of Modern Languages and Literature.

EDUC 308 Specialized Clinical Experience. 1 hour. Supervised clinical experience for students considering teaching in an international setting. Course includes lesson planning and instructional skills and experiences.