Process for Formal Admission to the Teacher Education Program

Admission Requirements

The following requirements are based on the standards and criteria for teacher candidates as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education:

- **Undergraduate students** must submit, in TaskStream, a completed application packet no sooner than the completion of 48 credits and no later than the completion of 60 credits.
- **Post-baccalaureate students** submit a completed application in TaskStream after the completion of 6 education credits and before beginning student teaching or the special education culminating field experience.

The following classes must be taken prior to submitting an application:

- EDUC 202, Educational Philosophy, Ethics, Issues, and Trends
- EDUC 215/235, (PK-4/Sec) Development, Cognition, and Learning I (with field experience)
- Six credits in English (ENG 110 and Literature core)
- Six credits in mathematics are required: MATH 101, and MATH 102 (unless higher level mathematics required by content area)
- **Transfer Undergraduate Students**: If any or all of the above credits were transferred in, students should apply for candidacy after the completion of 9 education credits taken at King's College but not before the completion of 48 credits. Application must be made before 60 credits are completed.

The following criteria must also be met:

- A grade of "C" or better in all education courses. Secondary certification students must achieve a grade of "C" or better in their major certification area.
- Possession of an overall cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or a professional education GPA of 3.0, or an overall cumulative GPA of 2.8 with documentation of extraordinary circumstances (e.g., illness, change of major) and a reasonable expectation of earning a 2.8 cumulative GPA and passing the Praxis II or PECT by student teaching.
- Dispositions: Students who wish to be admitted to the Teacher Education Program must exhibit qualities of personal character, integrity, high moral conduct, and possess positive personality traits. Evidence of these qualities will be demonstrated by student responses on the application forms, through conversations with his/her advisor, and by completion of recommendation forms.
- Meeting the Basic Skills Requirements as set by PDE (see https://www.kings.edu/academics/undergraduate_majors/education/basic-skills-tests for additional information).
- Two (2) recommendation forms completed by education professors who taught the candidate a class. Professors complete the recommendations directly in TaskStream by accessing the forms in the Testing section.
- Completion of the entire application for formal Admission to the Teacher Education Program.

Deadlines for Application to Candidacy
Fall Semester: November 30
Spring Semester: April 30

Note: TaskStream has a fillable form that must be completed. TaskStream logins are the same as WebAdvisor logins. If you forgot the password, click "forgot password" on the login screen to reset it.