

GIFTED EDUCATION AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT, CERTIFICATE (1764)

Program Coordinator

Janet L. Tassell, janet.tassell@wku.edu, (270) 745-5306

Program Contact

Christina Heady, christina.HEADY@wku.edu, (270) 745-2082

The Certificate in Gifted Education and Talent Development is designed to develop advanced certification for teachers who can positively impact student learning in their classrooms and schools with all children and adolescents, including those who are gifted and talented. Courses and experiences include professional learning communities in which students interact with other graduate students from various content areas and grade levels to discuss and work on real-world challenges and promising practices they encounter in schools. Candidates who complete the Teacher Certification including a three-hour practicum and receive a passing score on Praxis II in Gifted Education will be eligible for a recommendation for the State of Kentucky Gifted and Talented Education (KE37) endorsement.

In addition to advanced certification, the Certificate may also be completed by individuals in a variety of careers such as counselors, psychologists, international students, and others who are not certified teachers.

Program Admission

1. Applicants must meet the minimum Graduate Studies Admission requirements.
2. A copy of the applicant's teaching certificate or statement of eligibility must be submitted with the application for admission for the student to be recommended for Advanced Certification. Applicants who are not pursuing Advanced Certification must contact the Program Coordinator to waive this admission requirement.

Graduate Studies Admission

Please refer to the admission section (<http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/admission/>) of this catalog for Graduate Studies admission requirements.

Program Requirements (12 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
PSY 432G	Psychology of the Gifted and Creative	3
GTE 536	Nature and Needs of Gifted, Creative, and Talented Students	3
Select 6 hours from the following:		6
GTE 537	Curriculum, Strategies, and Materials for Gifted Students ¹	
GTE 538	Practicum for Teachers of Gifted Students ^{1,2}	

GTE 539	Assessment and Identification of Gifted and Talented Children
GTE 540	Developing Creativity and Leadership in Gifted Youth
GTE 636	Issues in Gifted Education and Talent Development
GTE 637	Seminar in Gifted Education and Talent Development
Total Hours	12

¹ Required course for students pursuing Advanced Certification.

² Restricted for only students pursuing Advanced Certification.