Art Education Frequently Asked Questions

Who should apply to the post-baccalaureate art education program?
Those who have a B.F.A. degree in studio art or design and would like to pursue a position as a visual art teacher in the public schools.

Is the program approved?
Yes, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education approved the art education program.

How many classes and credits are required?
The program requires 29 credit hours.

When does the program begin?
The program begins in summer session, continues through fall semester and concludes the following spring semester.

When do the classes meet? How long do they last?
Three credit classes are three hours long and meet once a week. Most of the classes are scheduled in the evening (6-9 pm). Student-teaching and practicum courses require that you observe and teach in the public schools during the school day. There are 2, related seminars on Wednesday nights. Student teaching is completed in one 16-week semester in the spring during the day.

Where do the classes meet?
Art education classes meet in a designated classroom on the KCAI campus.

If I can’t take a class in sequence, can I take it later?
The program is a cohort design. This means the students begin together and move through the program together. If you withdraw from the program and wish to take courses at a later date, you must reapply to the program.

What are the required studio courses for art licensure?
Thirty credits of studio courses (3 credits each) are required for licensure: drawing, painting, printmaking (or photography or graphic design), ceramics, sculpture, fiber, art history or art criticism and 1 studio art elective.

Can I transfer credits for the 30 credit hours of studio courses required by the state of Missouri for art licensure?
Yes. The program coordinator will review your transcript. You will need to provide transcripts in hard copy form or via email. A syllabus may be required for review of your coursework. After a review, you will be notified in writing of any deficiencies as well as coursework credits that will apply to this requirement and your program. You will be expected to complete any coursework before the student teaching semester.
Who teaches in the art education program?
Melinda Robino, M.S.Ed., is an art educator with more than 20 years' experience in the visual arts, digital arts and higher education. She is the program coordinator and teaches in the program. Adjunct teachers with 10+ years of experience make up the rest of the faculty.

Does this program have financial aid?
Accepted program participants may be eligible for financial aid. Those seeking financial aid should contact the KCAI financial aid office to discuss eligibility, deadlines and processes for procuring aid.

In addition to tuition, what other expenses will be incurred?
Student-teacher candidates are responsible for course texts, exam fees, miscellaneous course supplies for art projects and for transportation to campus and to student teaching. Students should seriously plan how to finance their own lodging and meals.

Another expense may be additional prerequisite classes. To satisfy the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requirements for art licensure, 30 credits of studio and art history courses are required. If you do not have 3 credits each of painting, drawing, design, fiber, ceramics, sculpture, photography or printmaking and a studio elective, you will need to complete coursework prior to applying for licensure.

Will I have a degree when I complete the post-baccalaureate art education program coursework?
No, the program leads to Missouri K-12 art licensure. This allows you to teach in any Missouri public, private or charter school.

Is the KCAI Certification recognized in any other states?
Yes, there is reciprocity in the state of Kansas. You may even student teach there. Go to a state’s department of education to inquire if they will recognize our accredited certification.

When is student teaching? How long will I student teach?
Student teaching occurs in the spring semester. There are two student teaching placements — one at elementary and one at secondary level. They each will occur between 6-8 weeks or for (1) one full semester term.

What arrangements will I need to make during student teaching?
Working outside the program is discouraged and has proven detrimental to student performance. You will need to arrange outside activities so that it does not interfere with your daily 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. schedule and time for homework. Also, you will need transportation to your school site and to campus.
Do I have to take a test to be certified?
Yes, there are currently three tests: Missouri Educator Profile (MEP) and the Pearson Art Exam #036 and the Missouri Pre-service Teacher Assessment (MoPTA).

Alignment of Missouri Educator Assessments with the KCAI program.

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How do I apply?
Fill out the form on this website. You will need to create an account before filling out and submitting the form.

What is the application deadline for summer session 2016?
Rolling applications with a final April 15, 2015, deadline. If qualified, student will be admitted when all materials are submitted.

Whom do I contact with questions about the program?
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