I. Teacher Education Admission Requirements Effective Fall 2005

New requirements:
A. 500-word essay
B. Faculty/student interview
C. Documented 100 clock hours of supervised time spent with children or adolescents
D. Two confidential reference form letters from individuals who supervised all or a portion of the documented 100 hours clock hours

These existing requirements are in addition to the new requirements listed above:
E. English Composition 1 (grade of C or better)
F. English Composition 2 (grade of C or better)
G. Public Speaking (grade of C or better)
H. College Algebra or a higher level math course (grade of C or better)
I. General Psychology
J. Elementary Statistics
K. Introduction to the Teaching Profession course (grade of B or better)
L. PPST passing scores (minimum passing scores: 172 math, 173 reading, 172 writing)
M. 2.75 GPA in 35 credit hours of general education course work
N. 2.5 Overall GPA
O. 2.5 WSU GPA (if applicable)

II. Administration of Above Admission Criteria

A. 500-word essay.
   Students are to compose a short essay in which they describe their suitability for the teaching profession. Essays should not exceed 500 words. Students should spend an hour, maximum, on their essay. The essay must be completed using a word processor and must be double-spaced using 12-size lettering, Times New Roman font, and have one-inch margins. Spelling and mechanical errors should be minimal. Essays should discuss the following points: why they want to teach, their strengths and weaknesses in fulfilling the role of a teacher, their background/history of working with children/adolescents and their reflective comments on the role of the teacher in the present-day, diverse school system. Essay prompts and other related instructions are posted on the WSU teacher education web site (www.wichita.edu/education).

B. Faculty – student interview.
   After submission of the teacher education application packet, the prospective candidate will be contacted for a faculty – student interview. Two Wichita State teacher education faculty members will conduct the 15-minute interview via telephone. The interview will consist of nine questions that pertain to general questions about the prospective candidate, some specific questions about what makes the candidate a good choice for acceptance into the
teacher education program and becoming an effective teacher, and a set of specific questions related to the age level or content area that the candidate wants to teach. Faculty – student interviews will typically be held during the latter part of April (spring semester) or the latter part of October (fall semester). There is no interview form or additional paperwork to be submitted as part of the student’s application packet.

C. 100 clock hours of supervised time with children or adolescents.
Using the form provided in the Teacher Education application packet, students are to identify themselves with their complete and formal name(s), and then LEGIBLY they are to indicate the dates of the activity they are referencing, an accurate estimate of hours spent on tasks, the Site/Agency they worked for, describe the activities they were involved with in a brief but clear manner and provide the name and telephone number of their supervisor(s). The 100-hour documentation form is available in the TE application materials packet and on the WSU teacher education web site (www.wichita.edu/education). Note: Unsupervised childcare is not an acceptable activity to list in the compilation of 100 clock hours.

D. Two confidential reference form letters.
Two confidential reference letters must be submitted with each student’s teacher education application packet. The reference form letter is available in the TE application materials packet and on the WSU teacher education web site (www.wichita.edu/education). Completed form letters are to be placed in sealed envelopes with the supervisor’s signature written on the envelope seal. The reference form material is confidential and not to be shared with the student applicant. Reference forms are to be written by individuals who observed and were cognizant of the prospective student’s attitudes and abilities when working with children and/or adolescents.

Please see enclosed Teacher Education application packet.
(Remind students to include copies of transcripts and test scores with application materials.)

Submit a complete application materials packet to:
Teacher Education Admissions
Education Support Services, 113 Hubbard
Wichita State University
1845 Fairmount, Campus Box #131
Wichita, KS 67260-0131