Birth-Kindergarten Licensure Only
Fact Sheet/Commonly Asked Questions

The BK licensure only program is not an online program! Licensure only students will have to take main campus courses and pay main campus tuition!

Who is eligible to be a B-K licensure only student?
Any student who currently has a 4 year degree in child development or a related field.

Upon completion of the B-K licensure only program, will I have another Bachelor’s degree?
The B-K licensure only is not a degree program. Students completing the BK licensure only program receive teaching license for the area of Birth-Kindergarten, not another 4 year degree.

Is there a GPA requirement?
There is 2.7 GPA requirement for admission to the B-K licensure only program.

What if I do not have a 2.7 GPA?
If your GPA is between 2.5 and 2.7 then you may petition the B-K committee for a waiver; however, you must have 3.0 in your senior year or a 3.0 in your major in your undergraduate degree and then you may be granted a petition waiver- otherwise you will need to follow the option below.

What if my GPA is below 2.5?
You may take 6 hours of coursework at UNCG as a VISIONS student (graduate level) and earn a 3.0 GPA in those 6 credit hours and be admitted to the B-K licensure only program provisionally - you will be fully admitted when you complete 3 more semester hours with a 3.0 GPA.

Do I need to take the Praxis I?
No. The Praxis I is not required for add-on licensure.

Do I need to take the Praxis II?
Yes- you must take the Praxis II- Early Childhood Content (5025) test as a requirement of the BK licensure only program. It is advised to take the Praxis II during the semester after student teaching as you will have covered the content on the Praxis II test and will be able to submit your test scores to the state when you apply for licensure. You can find information about this test at the ETS website: http://www.ets.org.

How do I apply for the B-K licensure-only program?
You must apply to the BK licensure only program through the Teacher’s Academy at UNCG. You do not apply through the UNCG Admissions Office. There is a $45 application fee. Applications process and forms available at: http://oss.uncg.edu/students/nc-teach/
**What are the deadlines for applying to the B-K licensure only program?**
To be admitted for the fall semester, you must apply by July 1; to be accepted for spring semester, you must apply by October 1; and to be accepted for summer semester the deadline is April 1.

**How is my course work/Plan of Study determined?**
When you apply, you will submit official transcript(s) of undergraduate coursework and any courses taken at other institutions. Your transcript will be reviewed and your plan of study will be individualized, depending on prior coursework.

**How long does it take to get my B-K licensure?**
It will depend on your individual plan of study. There are 14 courses maximum, and then 6 credit hours of student teaching your last semester. Depending on how much credit you receive, you may have to take all the required courses or you may just need to take the four courses that include projects which are used as evidences in your Teaching Portfolio. The four courses are spread out over 3 semesters; 3 credit hours first semester (HDF 440**); 6 credit hours second semester (HDF 460**); 6 credit hours in the final semester (HDF 468 and 470**). You will have to meet with the B-K licensure only coordinator to determine that answer how many courses you will need.

**Can I student teach where I work?**
Students usually may not student teach where they will work. The only students who may student teach in their places of employment are those employed as NC PreK (formally More at Four) or Head Start teachers, teacher’s assistants in the public school system, or those who have been hired as lateral entry teachers by a public school system. If you do not meet these one of these criteria then you will be placed in a local public school classroom or in the lab school on campus.

**How many hours does student teaching entail?**
You will be placed in a classroom for a minimum of 20 hours a week for 16 weeks (the entire semester). In order to maximize your student teaching experience it is best to plan to work 25-30 hours in your student teaching placement.

**May I take all my courses in summer school?**
No. There are very few courses available over the summer; any course with a practicum/lab will have to be taken fall or spring semester.

**May I student teach over the summer?**
No. All student teaching is done in the fall or spring semesters.

**What is Taskstream?**
Taskstream is the electronic portfolio program required of each student receiving licensure at UNCG. You will be required to purchase a Taskstream account to complete your electronic Teaching and technology portfolios.

**How do I apply for my license once I complete the program?**
Once you have completed the B-K licensure only program, you may apply for your license using the Licensure-Only Licensure Application located at:
http://oss.uncg.edu/students/nc-teach/

***Practicums and Student Teaching Descriptions***
There is one 3 credit hour practicum course; HDF 440. This course involves a 6 hour a week practicum split into two 3 hour days or one six hour day. The practicum is to be completed in an inclusive B-K classroom, and *cannot* be completed where you work. **You may not be paid for practicum placements or be counted in the ratio of the classroom.**

Student Teaching (HDF 460) will be completed as a 6 credit hours course. You may student teach in your own classroom only if you work in a NC PreK (formally More at Four), HeadStart or public school setting (preK or K). If you do not work in one of the above described classrooms, you will be placed in a local classroom for a minimum of 20 hours a week (25-30 hours a week is strongly recommended) over the course of an entire semester. Seminar attendance is required when student teaching, we will meet 1 ½ hours in a weekly seminar.

After completing student teaching, HDF 470 will follow. This course requires a 3-hour a week practicum to be completed in the classroom in which student teaching was completed. This course also requires a weekly three hour online course session over the course of the semester.

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