

Try Teaching Application

Application also available at www.tryteaching.eku.edu.

Application deadline – May 15

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work or cell phone _____

May we call or leave messages at your work phone? Yes No

E-mail _____

Current employer _____

Position _____

Education:

Degree	Major	Minor	College/University	Graduation Date

I am interested in teaching in the following areas :

- Elementary (Primary-5th grade)
- Middle School Math (Grades 5-9)
- Middle School Social Studies (Grades 5-9)
- Middle School Science (Grades 5-9)
- Middle School Language Arts(Grades 5-9)
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- Secondary Math (Grades 8-12)
- Secondary Physics (Grades 8-12)
- Secondary Earth Science (Grades 8-12)
- Secondary Biology (Grades 8-12)
- Secondary Chemistry (Grades 8-12)
- Secondary English (Grades 8-12)
- Secondary Social Studies (Grades 8-12)
- Agriculture (Grades 5-12)
- Business and Marketing (Grades 5-12)
- Family & Consumer Science (Grades 5-12)
- Technology Education (Grades 5-12)
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- Foreign Language (Primary-12)
- Art (Primary-12)
- Music (Primary-12)
- Physical Education (Primary-12)
- Health (Primary-12)
- Special Education (Primary-12)

IF SELECTED as a **Try Teaching** participant, I will be able to take a 1- or 2-week leave from my current employment in September 2008.

Signature _____



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What is *Try Teaching*?

Try Teaching is an innovative program that offers professionals a chance to investigate a career in the classroom *before* making a career change. Participants will have the opportunity to discover the rewards and challenges of teaching firsthand in a public school classroom for two weeks during September.

What are the benefits of *Try Teaching*?

Participants will be matched with master teachers in local schools and will spend up to two weeks in the classroom, gaining first-hand experiences and an up-close look at the teaching field. Participants will have the opportunity to prepare lessons, teach students, and observe effective educational practices. Each participant will be mentored by a university teacher-educator in order to learn about entering the education profession.

If I decide to become a teacher after I *Try Teaching*, how do I earn teaching credentials?

Eastern Kentucky University offers both undergraduate and graduate routes to teaching certification. Professionals who have earned a bachelor's or master's degree may qualify for graduate degree programs through which they can earn elementary, middle, secondary, or special education teaching certification. Candidates have the option to continue in their current job while completing the coursework in the evening (requirements vary by program). *Try Teaching* mentors will recommend the certification program appropriate to the needs of the participant.

A unique type of certification is offered in the graduate-level certification programs at Eastern Kentucky University that enables candidates to teach full-time while completing their programs. Candidates may be hired as full-time teachers at the same time they are taking coursework in the teacher certification program. Those approved for this certification earn the same salary and benefits as new teachers. This unique type of certification enables a smooth transition into a teaching career.

Program requirements:

- Minimum of an undergraduate degree with a GPA of 3.0 overall or 3.0 in the last 60 credit hours.
- The flexibility to take a one- or two-week leave from current job during September.
- A state/federal background check will be conducted for those selected as *Try Teaching* participants in order to fulfill requirements of Kentucky school districts.

How do I apply?

Application Deadline: May 15

Complete the application form on the back of this brochure or on-line at www.tryteaching.eku.edu and submit the following documents:

- Official college/university transcripts
- Resume
- A professional autobiography that explains why you are interested in becoming a teacher (2-4 pages)
- Three letters of reference documenting relevant life/work/education experience
- Two written assignments

Assignment #1 - Write an essay (2-4 pages) that describes a situation in which you interacted with other people in a helping or teaching role. The event does not need to be a formal teaching situation. Address the following in your essay: Describe the situation as it occurred at the time. What did you do in that particular situation? How did you feel about the situation at the time you were experiencing it? How do you feel about the situation now? What would you change, if anything?

Assignment #2 - Describe your favorite teacher (1-2 pages). Be sure to address the following questions in your essay: What characteristics come to mind when you think about your favorite teacher? Describe a specific event that stands out in your mind that happened with that teacher.

- An interview will be scheduled upon receipt of all application materials.

Mail all materials to:

Try Teaching

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Questions?

Call 859-622-2165 or e-mail tryteaching@eku.edu.

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