
The Inaugural Teacher Education Convocation is coming!

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Hello STE!

The time is finally here! The inaugural **Teacher Education Convocation is April 16th at 6:00PM**. Save this date and join us in celebrating the hard work of our teacher candidates! This is the first of what we hope are biannual events (one fall and one spring) that will induct our students into Teacher Education in an official and special way.

Students who are fully admitted and NOT student teaching now or in the fall will be receiving an email with info on how to RSVP. You may also see flyers around the building soon, so I wanted you all to be aware about what this is.

Along with Erin C., Jeremy, Leslee, Sarah, and Mandy we have created this event that I hope captures the special step our students are taking in their majors. The ultimate hope is to continue to encourage students to complete the requirements as soon as possible so this ceremony can be a celebration of that!

Letter to students below and flyer attached!
Let me know if you have any questions.

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Letter:



Dear Teacher Education Candidate,

The School of Teacher Education at Western Kentucky University cordially invites you to apply for formal induction into the Teacher Education Program.

Induction into Teacher Education marks a significant milestone in your academic and professional journey. This ceremony honors your commitment to the teaching profession and recognizes your successful admission into the program.

To be eligible for induction, students must be fully admitted to Teacher Education. Full admission includes:

- Completion of Praxis Core
- Completed Medical Physical and TB Screening
- Completed Criminal Background Check
- Completed CAN (Child Abuse & Neglect) Check
- Attendance at the Teacher Orientation Meeting
- An overall GPA of 2.75 or higher

Students who meet these requirements and are inducted will receive a traditional commemorative pin and certificate, be formally recognized as they walk across the stage in celebration of this achievement and hear remarks from the Director of the School of Teacher Education, the Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, and a distinguished guest speaker.

Inductees, family members, faculty, and staff are all invited to join us in celebrating this important step toward your future in education.

Event Details: April 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM in Gary Ransdell Hall. *Cocktail attire suggested

RSVP Required. Use this Link: <https://forms.gle/UJwEjQXKg6BzRCyb6>

Deadline to RSVP is March 27th, 2026

If you have not yet completed the requirements for full admission listed above, we warmly encourage you to participate in a future Convocation ceremony this fall. Additional details will be shared during the fall semester—please stay tuned for more information.

We look forward to celebrating your accomplishments and welcoming you into the Teacher Education community.

Sincerely,

School of Teacher Education
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Re: REMINDER: Teacher Education Induction Ceremony Tonight!

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And thanks too, to Jeremy Logsdon who is also part of the committee! 😊

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Subject: REMINDER: Teacher Education Induction Ceremony Tonight!

Greetings, Team,

Hope you're planning to join us tonight at the inaugural celebration of our teacher candidates into the professional education portion of their studies. The pinning ceremony begins at 6 pm in the GRH Auditorium. We have over 40 teacher candidates and their families and friends planning to attend.

Special thanks to our committee members who have organized this great event: Julia Mittelberg, Erin Feeney, Leslee Tarbett, Sarah Fischer, and Mandy Zeh. Please come and support our students and this important event!

Thanks,
Sue

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Teacher induction: Reconvene our committee

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Hi all! Whew back to normal soon, so I wanted to check in and see if we can get together to plan our first teacher induction ceremony!

The pins are shipped and on the way so we have the most important part almost here:)

For the first ceremony I was thinking we might want to make sure we have our ducks in a row to make it good and give ourselves time to plan well and workout any roadblocks. Aiming for first induction ceremony in early to mid February.

I'd like to discuss: (not limited to this—just my brainstorm)

First date for induction.

Future dates

How to identify qualifying students—OPES already had them apply—just need to advertise and encourage earlier completion of this —goes along with praxis push)

Divide responsibility: food, program planning of night, finding speakers, creating invitations and sending out. Collecting RSVPS-set deadlines for RSVP(2 weeks before!)? Application deadline 1 month before event?

I think a virtual meeting could suffice if we can't find a time to meet in person as I know our semesters are busy.

First semi annual School of Teacher Education Induction ceremony.

Would like to meet before advising season pops up and then maybe we could even have an update for faculty at the next meeting or at the very least by our October meeting.

Please email me individually about your availability on the following dates:

Wednesday, Sept 3

Thursday Sept 4

Friday Sept 5

Monday Sept 8

Tuesday Sept 9

Wednesday Sept 10

Thursday Sept 11

If those don't work to find a time we can all meet for a short bit, I'll send out more times with the next few weeks included.

I'm SO excited to get this on the books and start this tradition!

Thank you!

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