

## KAPCOTE Dyslexia Standards Update

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Kansas Association of Private Colleges of Teachers of Education (KAPCOTE) is a member organization comprised of the private colleges with teacher education programs supporting mission-driven approaches to teacher preparation. In this capacity, KAPCOTE member schools share a common purpose; however, they operate autonomously. The KAPCOTE unit heads were surveyed about their implementation of the new dyslexia standards. From those who responded, the following generalizes their approach to adopting the new standards.

Resoundingly, the private colleges in Kansas recognize the need to meet the needs of all learners. Historically, KSDE expects a three-year implementation phase-in plan, after standards are formally adopted. All schools have discussed the new standards among the unit heads and among their representative faculties, and all schools plan to begin implementation of the new standards within the established timeframe. Schools with Reading Specialist licensure programs seem to be early-adopters of the new standards. Some schools have begun a phase-in process whereby they have changed curriculum or have offered (or plan to offer) new courses. Early adopter schools with new courses are working their way through or have completed the various approval processes at their universities. Some schools have rewritten courses to adopt the standards within their programs.

*All private colleges with teacher preparation programs plan to address the new Dyslexia standards within the three-year phase-in expectation with fidelity.*

A few examples from early adopters:

- Ottawa University-Kansas Dyslexia Progress:
  - 1) Updated 6 elementary, 2 secondary/P-12 methods courses.
  - 2) Updated 3 core course for all education majors, including our ELL instruction and methods course.
  - 3) Require during student teaching a workshop lab for dyslexia, which includes a pass rate score behavior.
  - 4) Developed a few PEP (professional education program) courses for the recertification program that were updated.
  
- Bethany College has revised their Foundations of Literacy class to include aspects of the new reading standards, and elementary students were enrolled in the new course this fall. Revisions have been made to an English course focusing on the language, history and conventions for both elementary and secondary candidates, and it also started up this fall. Our education team attended the KSDE Dyslexia training in June 2020.
  
- Mid-American Nazarene University (MANU) faculty have investigated new standards and attended webinars related to the science of reading. The Reading Specialist advanced program to incorporated new standards. In their traditional programs, all elementary and secondary literacy courses embed the new standard expectations. MANU faculty are currently working to ensure syllabi include standard language.