Program Overview

The Early Childhood Education certification program is part of the College of Education’s TE - PLUS Teacher Education Program. TE - PLUS stands for Teacher Education: Professional, Leadership, Understanding, and Scholarship. During the program, students participate in extensive field experiences with children in the public schools and other educational settings. Students earn a Bachelor of Science in Education degree upon completion of all of their degree requirements. The TE - PLUS program extends beyond the bachelor’s degree by one semester when students take 9 hours of graduate level coursework that includes the student teaching internship and the action research class. Although the TE - PLUS program is an extended program, students may finish requirements within four years by successfully completing advanced credit exams and attending summer school. Completion of the program and success on the state certification examinations leads to Oklahoma teacher certification for preschool through third grade.

Did yOU Know?

OU’s College of Education is ranked in the top 10 percent of graduate colleges of education by U.S. News and World Report.

A Focus on Very Young Children

The Early Childhood Education program prepares students to teach children through the third grade. In addition, students participating in the program on the OU - Tulsa campus will have a particular focus on working with very young children (birth to age 5) and their families, in a variety of settings.

Admission Criteria

Students should work closely with an academic advisor to ensure their smooth transfer from an in-state, two-year institution to the OU - Tulsa program.

Students are eligible to apply for admission to the College of Education after they have:

- A minimum of 24 semester hours earned from an accredited institution of higher learning
- A minimum of a 2.75 combined retention grade point average in all coursework attempted
- A declared major in Education

Students are eligible to apply for full admission to a teacher education program after they have:

- A minimum of 30 semester hours from an accredited institution of higher learning to include the following 24 hours, as defined by the State Regents, with a grade of C or better:
  - English (composition and literature) - 6 hours; College Algebra* - 3 hours; American History - 3 hours;
  - American Government - 3 hours; Humanities - 3 hours; Social and Behavioral Sciences - 3 hours;
  - Natural Sciences - 3 hours.
  - *other 1000 level math courses may substitute
- A minimum of a 2.75 grade point average (OU retention and combined retention) on all coursework attempted.
- Successful completion of the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) or the Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET), unless otherwise exempted by a 3.00 or better combined retention grade point average on all liberal arts and sciences coursework.
- Satisfactory completion of an interview with an admissions committee.

Contact Information

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Tuition Assistance Available!
Begin ... your Early Childhood Education program at TCC by taking these classes.

ENGL 1113 English Composition I  
ENGL 1213 English Composition II  
ENGL 2413 Introduction to Literature  
SPCH 1113 Speech Communication I  
MATH 1473 Math for Critical Thinking  
MATH 1513 College Algebra or MATH 1483 or MATH 1613  
MATH 2423 Math Concepts for Educators  
MATH 2553 Geometry and Measurement  
BIOL 1114 General Biology (with lab)*  
BIOL 1383 Nutrition (counts as 2000 level science course at OU-Tulsa)  
PHSC 1114 General Physical Science*  
PHSC 2151 The Nature of Science  

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HIST 1483 U.S. History to the Civil War or 1493 U.S. History since the Civil War  
POLS 1113 American Federal Government  
SOCI 1113 Introduction to Sociology or PSYC 1113 Introduction to Psychology  
PHIL 1013 Introduction to Philosophy or PHIL 1223, PHIL 2133 or PHIL 2153  
CHLD 2003 Child Development in the Lifespan  
CHLD 2031 Early Field Experience**  
CHLD 2233 Physical Development and Creative Expression: EC  
CHLD 2513 Programming for Infants and Toddlers  
PHED 2212 First Aid  
CSYS 1203 Introduction to Computer Programming (or passing grade on proficiency exam)

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Requirement: Two college-level courses in a single foreign language are required. This requirement may be met by passing an OU proficiency examination at a novice-high level in a language other than English.

Continue ... your Early Childhood Education program at the University of Oklahoma by taking the following courses toward your Bachelor of Science in Education degree.

E IPT 3011 or computer proficiency test  
EDS 4003 Schools in American Cultures  
E IPT 3473 Educational Psychology of Childhood and Adolescence  
E IPT 3483 Cognition, Motivation and Classroom Management for Teachers  
EDSP 3054 Understanding and Accommodating Students with Exceptionalities  
E IPT 3043 Learning with Educational Technologies  
EDLT 3183 Theories of Literacy Development for Young Children  
EDLT 3253 Understanding and Teaching Children’s Literature  
EDLT 4303 Methods, Materials and Organization of Literacy Programs for Young Children  
EDSS 3553 Foundations to Social Studies Education  
EDSC 4093 Inquiry-Based Science Teaching  
EDMA 3053 Problem Centered Learning Environments  
EDMA 3153 Early Math Concepts  
EDEC 3213 Fundamentals – Preschool Child I  
EDEC 3211 Fundamentals I Lab  
EDEC 3223 Fundamentals – Preschool Child II  
EDEC 3221 Fundamentals II Lab  
EDEC 3001 Mentoring I  
EDEC 4001 Mentoring II  
EDEC 4123 Curriculum of Early Childhood Education  
EDEC 4121 Curriculum Lab  
EDEC 3233 Teacher, Parent, Child Relationships in Early Childhood Programs  
EDEC 4980 Practicum in Education (2)  
EDEC 4203 Program Planning and Leadership in Early Childhood Programs  
MUED 2733 Music in Early Childhood Education  
Non Western Cultures Class (3) – Advisor Approved

Complete ... your Early Childhood certification program by successfully completing these 9 hours of graduate credit and the three state certification exams.

Graduate Coursework  
EDUC 5920 Internship (pre-k/k)  
EDUC 5920 Internship (grades 1-3)  
ILAC 5143 Theory and Research in Education

State Certification Exams  
Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET)  
Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT)  
Oklahoma Professional Education Test (OPTE)