Program Overview

Oklahoma is a national leader in early childhood education and OU-Tulsa is committed to improving services for young children and their families. That is why OU-Tulsa introduced a degree completion program for students to earn a Bachelor of Science in Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education.

The university’s program offers extensive field experience coupled with contemporary academic coursework. Students receive the junior- and senior-level courses they need to complete a bachelor’s degree after having successfully completed the initial two years of study at another institution or with the university’s program partner, Tulsa Community College.

The OU-Tulsa ECE program offers some unique features. These include:

• The program can be completed in five semesters, including a summer semester, so that students who begin the program in the fall semester will complete their program, including their student teaching semester, in their second spring semester.
• All advanced courses and experiences required for the degree are offered at OU-Tulsa.
• The program focuses on the comprehensive range of young children birth through age 8, with nine credit hours dedicated to infant/toddler course work.
• Service learning is infused in the program, as is involvement in professional organizations.
• The program is designed for the working adult, with the vast majority of courses scheduled for evenings or occasional weekend classes.
• OU-Tulsa offers a loan forgiveness program for students majoring in ECE. Through the generosity of the George Kaiser Family Foundation (GKFF), students can apply to receive loans to fund their education that can be paid back through working in Oklahoma in ECE after graduation. The loan forgiveness program will support both half and full-time study through program completion.

A Focus on Very Young Children

The Early Childhood Education program prepares students to teach children birth through third grade. While at OU-Tulsa, ECE students have the opportunity to complete at least one field experience with each of the following age groups: infants/toddlers, pre-schoolers, and primary grade-level children. These field experiences, taken in conjunction with the academic courses, prepares OU-Tulsa ECE graduates to staff a wide range of ECE classrooms and 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 after they have:

• Achieved a minimum 2.75 combined retention grade point average in all coursework attempted
• Successfully completed the required general education courses at an accredited institution of higher learning, as listed on page two of this document, to include the following 24 hours 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)
• Successfully completed the Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET) and provide an OSBI/FBI background check
• Satisfactorily completed an interview with an admissions committee

Contact Information

For further information about the College of Education’s ECE program at OU - Tulsa, contact:

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Tuition Assistance Available!

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Charting Your Course

Begin ...

your Early Childhood Education program at another accredited two or four year institution by completing the equivalent of the following University of Oklahoma courses:

ENGLISH (12 Hours)
ENGL 1113 Prin. of English Composition (Core I)
ENGL 1213 Prin. of English Composition (Core I)
or
EXPO 1213 Expository Writing
ENGL 2000-level or higher (Core IV-AF)
COMM 1113 Prin. of Communication (Core I), or
COMM 2613 Public Speaking

MATH (12 Hours)
Any MATH 1000-level course (Core I)
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MATH 2213 Mathematical Systems
MATH 2223 Data Analysis and Geometric Systems

SCIENCE (12 Hours)
Must take one course in the biological sciences:
BIOL, BOT, HES, MBIO, or ZOO
Any 2000-level or higher science course
Must take one course in the physical sciences:
(Core II)
AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS
One course must include a laboratory component.

SOCIAL STUDIES (12 Hours)
HIST 1483 U.S. 1492-1865, or (Core IV)
HIST 1493 U.S. 1865-Present
PSC 1113 American Federal Government (Core III)
Any ANTH course (Core III), or
Any SOC course (Core III), or
PSY 1113 Elements of Psychology (Core III)
Non-Western Culture: - to be chosen from the University-wide General Education Approved Course List (3000-level or above) and adviser approved (Core IV)

PRACTICAL ARTS (3 Hours)
EDEC 2203 Creative Expression in Early Childhood

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (3 Hours)
EDEC 3413 Early Childhood Development

ARTS AND HUMANITIES (3 Hours)
Any PHIL course (Core IV)

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Requirement: Teacher candidates must demonstrate conversational skills 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.

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Complete ...

your Early Childhood certification program by successfully completing three state certification exams

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