



A Guide to Completing Teacher Certification in Science

This guide is used in conjunction with the Dodge Family College of Arts & Sciences degree sheets for:

Astronomy (B080); Astrophysics (B082); Biochemistry (B100); Biology (B105); Chemical Biosciences (B155); Chemistry – Professional (B175); Chemistry and Biochemistry – Standard (B170); Microbiology – Standard (B690 P459); Microbiology – Biotechnology (B690 P061); Physics – Professional (B781); Physics – Standard (B780); Plant Biology (B787 P521).

The information in this guide along with your degree sheet will assist in planning your enrollment to complete the requirements for teacher certification through the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education (JRCoE).

Students in the Dodge Family College of Arts & Sciences (DFCAS), earning a degree in one of the majors listed above, will complete their degree program, and add the Professional Education courses leading to teacher certification for grades 6-12. Students will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in their declared major, and upon successful completion of a full-time student teaching internship, will receive a recommendation for teacher certification in the state of Oklahoma.

Students in DFCAS adding teacher certification to their degree program are eligible to apply for a variety of grants and scholarships through the JRCoE. These include but are not limited to: The OU Debt-Free Teacher Program, The TEACH Grant, and Inspired to Teach Program.

Full Admission – Students in DFCAS adding teacher certification to their degree must meet with their DFCAS Advisor to determine if they are eligible. Your DFCAS advisor will clarify how the Professional Education courses will be used toward the completion of their degree. Students will then be referred to the Science Education Advisor in the JRCoE. ***It is important to ask your DFCAS Advisor if adding teacher certification to your degree program will impact your current graduation timeline.***

The specific criteria for Full Admission are outlined on the college's Full Admission Checklist. The Science Education Advisor will clarify the coursework and other requirements to be completed prior to applying for Full Admission.

Four times a year (January, March, August, and October) qualified students are emailed, to their OU email, the online application for Full Admission. ***Until fully admitted, students are not eligible to enroll in the Professional Education courses required for teacher certification.***

Undergraduate JRCoE Student Orientation – After full admission, all students are required to attend a mandatory Undergraduate Student Orientation where they will receive an iPad, an introduction to the JRCoE, and get to know faculty and staff.

Certification Exams – Taking and passing all Oklahoma certification exams is required for a teacher certification license in the state of Oklahoma.

Retention – Students must maintain a minimum **2.75** grade point average with no grade less than "C" in all Professional Education coursework to be eligible for teacher certification.

***Students are encouraged to contact the Science Education Advisor for more information.**

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