



# The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA

## Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education

Tulsa Programs

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### Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum—Concentration in Early Childhood Education

*In January, 2011, OU was named by the Carnegie Foundation to its highest tier of research activity classification, the first time a public institution in Oklahoma has received this outstanding recognition.*

#### OVERVIEW

The University of Oklahoma offers the Ph.D. in Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum with a concentration in Early Childhood Education in its entirety on the Tulsa campus. Course delivery is typically in the evenings. If enrolled full-time, coursework can be completed in three years. Part-time enrollment will result in more time needed to complete courses. Coursework is followed by the writing of a doctoral dissertation. Time for completion of the dissertation varies from candidate to candidate.

The Ph.D. program is designed to prepare faculty researchers and leaders serving young children (birth through age eight) and their families, in multiple settings. The program will have a strong focus in research, leadership, and advocacy, as well as infant/toddler studies.

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional information on the OU Graduate College and its application procedures: <http://gradweb.ou.edu>

#### PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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**Application deadline is May 15.** Applications completed and received after that date may be reviewed at the discretion of the faculty.

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A complete doctoral application consists of the following:

- Letters of reference from at least three persons who are familiar with your qualifications. Include faculty members with whom you have done graduate work and others who have personal knowledge of your professional experience. Please use the letter of reference form, available online at: <http://www.ou.edu/dam/Tulsa/ilac/doc/reference.pdf>
- Graduate Record Examination general test scores. Information about the GRE is available via the Internet at [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org). (Only scores within the past five years can be considered).
- A resume, and if the applicant chooses, a narrative autobiography emphasizing career experience.
- A short essay including a statement of career objectives and why a Ph.D. in ECE will assist you in meeting your career objectives.
- Official transcripts of both graduate and undergraduate work. (Only sealed copies will be accepted.)
- In addition to the materials above, Instructional Leadership requires submission of a writing sample, such as a published article or graded graduate-level research paper.

\*Applicants must have completed a Master's degree or equivalent to be eligible for admission. Additionally, the University of Oklahoma requires an application for admission to the Graduate College. For more information on application materials, please see the application checklist.

#### Ph.D. Program of Study Minimum Degree Requirements

\*Early Childhood Education Courses: 36 credit hours; 15 credit hours of Early Childhood courses may be transferred in from Master's degree.

\*ILAC Core: 12 credit hours

\*Research Methodology 12 credit hours

\*Electives: 12 credit hours

\*Dissertation Research: 9-18 credit hours

Degree requires approximately 90 credit hours, including the Master's degree. However, each individual's program of study will vary.

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