

Early Childhood Education



JEANNINE RAINBOLT
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA



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 with grades C or higher. Refer to "Charting Your Course" for required courses for acceptance.
- Successfully completed the Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET) or PRAXIS test.
- Satisfactorily completed Orientation with the College of Education faculty and staff.

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BEGIN @ Tulsa Community College	
ENGL 1113 English Composition I	PHSC 1114 General Physical Science*
ENGL 1213 English Composition II	PHSC 2151 The Nature of Science*
ENGL 2413 Introduction to Literature	HIST 1483 U.S. History to the Civil War or HIST 1493 U.S. History since the Civil War
COMM 1113 Public Speaking	POLS 1113 American Federal Government
MATH 1473 Math for Critical Thinking	SOCI 1113 Introduction to Sociology or PSYC 1113 Introduction to Psychology
MATH 1513 College Algebra or MATH 1483 or MATH 1513	PHIL 1113 Intro to Philosophy or PHIL 1223 or PHIL 2133 or PHIL 2263
MATH 2423 Math Concepts for Educators	FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 2 courses in the same language.**
MATH 2553 Geometry and Measurement	CHLD 2003 Child Development in the Lifespan
BIOL 1114 General Biology*	CHLD 2233 Physical Development and Creative Expression
BIOL 1383 Nutrition*	CHLD 2513 Programming for Infants and Toddlers
*Other courses may substitute. **Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Requirement: Two college-level courses in a single foreign language are required. American Sign Language is also accepted to satisfy this requirement. This requirement may be met by passing an OU proficiency examination at a novice-high level in a language other than English.	

CONTINUE @ The University of Oklahoma-Tulsa	
EDSP 4003 Schools in American Cultures	EDEC 3563 Family & Community Connections
EDSP 3053 Understanding & Accommodating Exceptional Learners	EDEC 3573 Diverse Learners
EIPT 3043 Learning with Educational Technologies	EDEC 4513 Integrated Curriculum (K-3)
EIPT 3473 Learning, Development & Assessment for Teachers	EDEC 4523 Field Experience with Seminar
EIPT 3483 Motivation & Classroom Management for Teachers	EDEC 4533 Assessment in Early Childhood Education
EDEC 3513 Integrated Curriculum (Birth-5)	EDEC 4543 Senior Seminar in Early Childhood Education
EDEC 3523 Field Experience I with Seminar	EDLT 3143 Language & Literacy Development Birth through 5
EDEC 3533 Infant-Toddler Development and Care	EDLT 4123 Language & Literacy Development in Kindergarten through Third Grade
EDEC 3543 Teaching & Learning in Early Childhood Education	EDMA 3353 PK-3 Mathematics Concepts
EDEC 3553 Field Experience with Seminar	EDUC 4050 Teaching Experiences in the Elementary School
Non-Western Culture (Upper Division, Core IV)	Course # TBD: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

COMPLETE your Early Childhood certification program by successfully completing three State Certification Exams:
Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET) Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT) Oklahoma Professional Education Test (OPTE)