The College of Education (COE) includes the schools of Applied Health and Educational Psychology, Teaching and Curriculum Leadership, and Educational Studies. The College offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs to prepare individuals for careers in teaching, administration or research in the professional field of education either in the public schools or in institutions of higher education. There are a variety of degrees within the College at the bachelor’s, master’s, specialist and doctor’s levels that prepare individuals for productive lives in the global community (see the “Degree Programs” section of the Catalog).

Accreditation
In the College of Education, the aviation programs are accredited by the Federal Aviation Administration. OSU was the first university in Oklahoma with a program receiving this designation. The counseling psychology program and the school psychology program are accredited by the American Psychological Association. The school psychology program also is accredited by the National Association of School Psychologists. The counseling program with options in Community Counseling and School Counseling are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The leisure studies program, with options in leisure service management and therapeutic recreation, is accredited by the National Recreation and Park Association in cooperation with the American Association for Leisure and Recreation. Athletic training is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). All professional education programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation, and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Career and Technical education professional education programs are also accredited by the Oklahoma State Department of Career and Technical Education.

Statement on Diversity. The College of Education is committed to the promotion and affirmation of diversity in the broadest sense. We value the dignity and worth of individuals inclusive of their gender, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, age, physical and mental abilities, religious beliefs, socioeconomic class, and other identities. Valuing diversity also extends to diversity of thought and perspective. We promote and create a dynamic community for personal transformation and social change with an atmosphere of respect and trust in which individuals explore, discuss, and express their beliefs with one another.

High School Preparation
Students are expected to satisfy the high school curriculum requirements as determined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. It is recommended that students be involved in clubs and organizations as well as have had some experiences working with children and youth, or other experiences related to their chosen fields.

Admission Requirements
Freshman students are admitted to the College of Education consistent with criteria published for admission to the University.

Criteria for students wishing to transfer into the College of Education include a required minimum grade-point average based on the University graduation and retention grade-point average policy.

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Students pursuing degree options in career and technology education non-certification option, education non-certification option or leisure are required to maintain a 2.00 GPA. Students pursuing a degree in Athletic Training, Pre-professional Option are required to maintain a 3.00 and Athletic Training, Clinical Option or Health Education and Promotion are required to maintain a 2.75 GPA. (Students wishing to declare athletic training as their major must apply and be accepted into the Athletic Training Education Program. Check the website for the most current information on application, fees, requirements, etc.) All other degree options require a 2.50 GPA.

For continuing enrollment in good standing, the Professional Education Unit and other programs require a minimum of 2.50 GPA for admission to Professional Education, student teaching, and graduation. This requirement is consistent with state standards for students in the state of Oklahoma who complete professional education programs and seek certification.

Requests from students seeking readmission after having been placed under probation/suspension should be submitted to the Watson Family Student Success Center in the College of Education and will be reviewed by the Director of Student Academic Services prior to readmission. All student grades are reviewed at the end of each semester to determine whether appropriate academic progress is being made.

For graduation, with recommendation for Certification in Professional Education, the following minimum GPAs are required: (1) a 2.50 overall GPA; (2) a 2.50 GPA in the Major Requirements except Secondary Education English which requires 2.75; (3) a 2.50 GPA in Professional Core Requirements; and (4) where noted, a 2.50 GPA in the College/Departmental Requirements. The student must earn minimum grades of "C" or "P" in each course in the Major Requirements, the Professional Core Requirements, and where noted, the College/Departmental Requirements. The student must earn grades of "C" or "P" in all sections of observation (lab and clinical experience) courses and clinical practice for recommendation for Certification.

Scholarships
The College of Education offers scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students in the School of Applied Health and Educational Psychology, School of Teaching and Curriculum Leadership and the School of Educational Studies. An up-to-date listing for COE Scholarships can be found at education.okstate.edu/students/scholarships.

Abercrombie, Betty Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Adkins, Mike Memorial Scholarship
Albers, L. Mignon Scholarship
Allgood Family Scholarship
Bellmon, George D. and Edith Eleanor Caskey Endowed Memorial Scholarship
Benson, Ann and Gene Endowed Scholarship
Berlin, Grace, James and Tammy Scholarship
Blair, Mary Francis Endowed Scholarship in Aviation
Bliss Family Aviation Management Scholarship
Boeing Company Aerospace Logistics Scholarship
Brantlunter, Paula G. Aviation Endowed Scholarship
Brown, Ray E. Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Broyles-Willard Family Endowed Scholarship
Buckles, William R. and Billie D. Endowed Scholarship
Burke, Jim and Linda Scholarship
Burson, Jerry and Mary Endowed Scholarship
Cashel, Christiane Endowed Scholarship
Chuck, Vera Jones Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Christiansen Aviation Scholarship
Close, Bryan Transfer Student Scholarship
College of Education Alumni Association Undergraduate Endowed Scholarship
College of Education Alumni Association Freshman Endowed Scholarship
College of Education Alumni Association Minority Endowed Scholarship
College of Education Alumni Association Graduate Endowed Scholarship
College of Education Associates Endowed Scholarship
College of Education Dean’s Academic Excellence Scholarship
Collins, W. Opal Eastep Endowed Scholarship
Colvin, Valeria Endowed Scholarship
Cooper, Dr. Donald Endowed Scholarship in Athletic Training
Cornforth, Patricia Scholarship
Cumberledge, Gretchen Lynette Memorial Scholarship
Cunningham, Mary Marie Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Cusick Family Endowed Scholarship
Dickman, Marcia Endowed Scholarship
Dorsey, Billy J. Endowed Scholarship for Aviation Education
Dotson, Rachel Endowed Scholarship
Dugger, Tom J. and H. Ann Endowed Scholarship
Earls, Laci Risha Diane Stephens Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Ebert, Bill and Nita Scholarship
Eriksson, Alice R. Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Eskimo Joe's Future Teacher Endowed Scholarship
Esslinger, Charles A. Outdoor Recreation Endowed Scholarship
Frye, Drs. Mary & Moses Endowed Scholarship
Gilcrease, Thomas Foundation Endowed Scholarship in Aviation
Harrison, A.B. Endowed Scholarship
Harry, Robert Endowed Scholarship

Website: education.okstate.edu
Watson Family Student Success Center

Academic Advising

Academic advisement for undergraduate students is provided by the Watson Family Student Success Center, located in 106 Willard, in the College of Education. Students are assigned to a particular academic adviser in the Watson Family Student Success Center depending on the student’s declared major. Academic advisers confer with their advisees on such matters as vocational counseling, course selection, academic problems, long-range professional goals, and semester by semester enrollment.

The requirements for the degree being sought are made known to the student when he or she first enrolls at Oklahoma State University. While the curriculum may change before a student graduates, a student who makes normal progress toward graduation (no more than two years beyond the normal four-year bachelor’s degree requirements) will be held responsible for the degree requirements at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or delay graduation.

Collegiate Success Program. The goal of the Collegiate Success Program is to assist students with their success in the classroom. This program individualizes assistance for those students who have been placed on academic probation. The Collegiate Success Program has three objectives which include:

• Assisting students in identifying individual strengths and needs.
• Assisting students in establishing academic goals based on those strengths and needs.
• Providing students with the skills necessary to succeed at the collegiate level.

For more information logon to education.okstate.edu.

Graduation Check. The College of Education Office of Student Academic Services prepares a graduation check that indicates the undergraduate’s status toward completion of degree requirements. For those students in Professional Education, teacher licensure requirements are included in the graduation check. Undergraduates may request, through their academic advisers, that the graduation check be completed. Students can review degree progress on the web (SIS web for students).

Career Services. The College of Education has a career consultant available. The career consultant provides seminars and one-on-one advisement in career-related topics such as job search strategies, resume development, interviewing skills, and career transitions. The services are available to undergraduate and graduate students and alumni. The career consultant also partners with many employers, including school districts, hospitals, non-profit organizations, and corporations, encouraging them to hire OSU graduates from the College of Education.

Special Academic Programs

Bachelor of University Studies. The College of Education utilizes the Bachelor of University Studies degree program along with the other colleges in the University. Unique career objectives of students may be met by working with a faculty committee and academic advisers in selecting a specially-tailored program that ultimately leads to a degree.

The Honors College. Outstanding students in the College of Education who meet the requirements of the Honors College may earn The Honors College degree while completing their undergraduate degree in this college. For more information on the Honors College, please refer to the Honors College information in this Catalog.

Tutoring Program. The Reading and Math Learning Center within the School of Teaching and Curriculum Leadership offers elementary education undergraduate and graduate students a faculty-supervised opportunity to tutor school-age children interested in improving their reading and math skills.

Professional Development Conferences. Professional education students and alumni are encouraged to attend the annual Celebration of Teaching Conference on the OSU campus held in April. Additional outreach conferences may include the Oklahoma Association of Elementary School Principals, the Oklahoma Association of Environmental Educators; the Oklahoma Education Association Annual Leadership Academy; the Oklahoma Technology Administrator’s Conference and the Adult Basic Education Conference.

Alumni Association. The College of Education Alumni Association distributes a quarterly newsletter to its over 3,000 active members. The organization provides professional support and an immediate network of professional contacts. The Alumni Association provides scholarships for students in the College of Education.
Education. Graduates attending commencement receive an invitation for a one-year complimentary membership to the Alumni Association. The organization also sponsors a Homecoming reception and other welcome events for students and faculty gatherings.

General Education Requirements

All undergraduate degrees in the College of Education require a minimum of 40 semester hours in general education that include the following: English Composition, analytical and quantitative thought, United States history and government, natural science, social and behavioral studies, arts and humanities, diversity, international dimension and electives. All degrees are consistent with the current University General Education requirements and the Oklahoma State Board of Education standards.

Departmental Clubs and Honor Societies

- Athletic Training Student Association
- College of Education Graduate Student Association
- Education Student Council
- Elementary Educators of Tomorrow
- Flying Aggies
- Health Promotion Club
- Kappa Delta Pi (education honor society)
- Kappa Kappa Iota
- Leisure Club
- Phi Epsilon Kappa (health, physical education, leisure honor society)
- Physical Education Club
- School Psychology Graduate Student Organization
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Education Association

Education Outreach and International Studies

Education Outreach and International Studies work together to facilitate the delivery of COE course work and academic programs. Consistent with the OSU mission and in conjunction with faculty and academic programs in the COE, Education Outreach and International Studies provide support, services and programs to meet the professional needs of educators advancing the state of Oklahoma and the nation while promoting and facilitating engagement of the college and university with state, national, and international communities.

The goals of Education Outreach and International Studies are to reflect the expertise and promote the accomplishments of the College of Education faculty and staff and to foster activities and learning that develop faculty and students for multiple futures. Specifically, these offices work to:

- facilitate campus-based degree credit which enables students to pursue their academic goals in ways that fit their schedule and personal situations;
- extend off-campus degree programs to individuals pursuing degrees and professional certifications through a variety of different methods;
- provide opportunities for international experiences linking campus faculty and students to a wide range of global locations through travel trips, student teaching, and cohort programs;
- assist workforce development initiatives through non-credit educational opportunities for employed adults in educational and governmental environments;
- coordinate professional conferences for the educational community, including school professionals and administrators, educational associations, and state organizations; and
- offer a wide array of community development and cultural enrichment opportunities.

School of Applied Health and Educational Psychology

John Romas, Ph.D.—Associate Professor and School Head

The School of Applied Health and Educational Psychology encompasses undergraduate and graduate academic programs in athletic training, health education and promotion, physical education, leisure studies, community counseling, counseling psychology, educational psychology, school counseling, school psychology, and health and human performance. The School seeks to fulfill the traditional functions of teaching, research, outreach, and public service that are consistent with the mission of Oklahoma State University. The mission is to foster the development, integration, and application of empirical knowledge, theory, skills and experiences to promote social, physical, psychological, educational, and environmental health. Consistent with the philosophy of the University’s Professional Education Council’s Core Concepts and Goals Statement, faculty strives to demonstrate and perpetuate teaching based on theory and research-driven educational practices.

Course Prefixes. Courses that support educational psychology and school psychology and gifted education are listed in the Catalog under the EPSY prefix. Courses that support counseling and counseling psychology are listed in the Catalog under the CPSY prefix. Undergraduate programs in Recreation Management and Therapeutic Recreation use the RTRM prefix while activity and graduate leisure courses use the LEIS prefix. Courses in health and human performance are listed in the Catalog under the HHP prefix. Undergraduate courses in physical education, health education and promotion, and athletic training also carry the HHP prefix.

Degree Opportunities. A student may earn a degree of Bachelor of Science (BS), Master of Science (MS), Specialist in Education (EdS), or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) with emphasis in one of the following:

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Counseling and Counseling Psychology

Donald Boswell, PhD—Associate Professor and Coordinator

The counseling and counseling psychology program areas offer graduate programs in community counseling and school counseling leading to the MS degree in counseling as well as a PhD degree in educational psychology, with an option in counseling psychology.

Community Counseling

Hugh Crethar, PhD—Associate Professor and Program Director

MS Program. This program is intended for individuals who wish to serve as professional counselors in a variety of human service and community mental health agencies. Students may choose elective courses in selected areas of specification such as youth counseling, substance abuse counseling and mental health counseling. The program is designed to meet the academic requirement for licensure as a professional counselor in Oklahoma and the standards set by CACREP for national accreditation. Application materials for this program are due February 1st for the following summer or fall enrollment.

School Counseling

Hugh Crethar, PhD—Associate Professor and Program Director

MS Program. This program prepares students to work as counselors in public schools, serving students, teachers and parents. The role of the school counselor is to coordinate the comprehensive school counseling program, focusing on the educational, career, personal and social development of students. Within this comprehensive school counseling program, school counselors provide counseling, consulting, coordinating, and appraisal services. The school counseling program is designed to meet the certification requirements for the State of Oklahoma as well as requirements of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Application materials for this program are due February 1st for the following summer or fall enrollment.

Counseling Psychology

Sue C. Jacobs, PhD—Ledbetter-Lemon Endowed Diversity Professor and Training Director

PhD Program. This program is accredited by the American Psychological Association and is based on the scientist-practitioner model of training. The program is designed to prepare students for counseling, consulting, teaching and research roles in various settings such as university counseling centers, academic departments, hospitals, public service settings such as prisons and Veterans Administration Medical Centers, business settings, mental health clinics, and community settings. Students are required to follow a specified sequence of study in which academic course work and practicum experiences are integrated. Students must also complete one year of full-time internship. Application materials for the counseling psychology program are due by December 1st for the following summer or fall enrollment.
Educational Psychology
Steve Harrist, PhD—Associate Professor and Coordinator

MS Program. A master’s degree in educational psychology is available as an option within the MS in educational psychology. Educational psychology emphasizes the application of psychological theory and research in the field of education. Every educational psychology master’s student takes basic courses in educational psychology and research. Each student also takes additional courses in an emphasis area of developmental/instructional psychology or gifted and talented education. education.okstate.edu/index.php/educational-psychology-ms

PhD Program. The PhD in educational psychology includes areas of study in instructional psychology, human development, and education of the gifted. The programs prepare students for the role of teacher and researcher in educational and non-educational settings such as higher education, business, government, and communities.

The educational psychology PhD program is designed to provide students with maximum opportunity to individualize their programs according to their own interests, needs and professional goals. Applications for the PhD program in educational psychology are due by January 1 for the following fall enrollment. education.okstate.edu/index.php/educational-psychology-phd

School Psychology
Gary Duhon, PhD—Associate Professor, Coordinator and EdS Program Training Director

MS Program. A degree in educational psychology with an option in school psychometrics is awarded to students who are en route for either the EdS or PhD degree in school psychology. Students must be admitted to the EdS or PhD program to receive the MS. (Students are not admitted directly to the MS degree.)

EdS Program. The NASP-approved (National Association of School Psychologists) specialist program is available. The EdS is the appropriate level of training for those who are interested in applying psychology to a variety of child-related learning and adjustment problems, and for the improvement of children’s mental health in school settings. Specialist-level school psychologists typically work in school systems and function in diverse roles including consultation, psychological and psycho-educational assessment, and intervention to facilitate success for all children. The EdS program at OSU is approximately 77 hours, consistent with the NASP standards for training, and meets the Oklahoma State Department of Education certification requirements. Successful completion of this program leads to eligibility for certification by the Oklahoma State Department of Education as a school psychologist and also the NASP National Certification in School Psychology (NCSP). Applications for the EdS program are due March 1 for consideration for admission the following semester.

Terry Stinnett, PhD—Professor and PhD Program Training Director

PhD Program. The doctoral program in school psychology is accredited by the American Psychological Association and approved by the National Association of School Psychologists. The program follows the scientist-practitioner model that emphasizes the application of scientific knowledge and methodological rigor in the delivery of school psychological services and in conducting research. Training in the scientist/practitioner model is for the purpose of developing a Science-Based Child/Learner Success orientation in students. Doctoral level school psychologists function in diverse and important roles including consultation, assessment, intervention therapy, supervision, program evaluation, and research to facilitate success for all learners. They add to the understanding of children and their families by contributing to the scientific knowledge base and all aspects of child development. They are employed in many different settings including elementary and secondary schools, private practice, university, hospitals and mental health centers. School psychologists work with diverse populations and provide psychological services to children, youth, families, caregivers, school personnel, adult learners, and individuals with special needs, as well as to the systems in which these individuals need to be successful. Applications for the PhD program in educational psychology are due by February 1 for the following fall enrollment.

Health and Human Performance
Arc Warren, EdD, ATC, LAT, CSCS—Associate Professor and Coordinator

The programs in health and human performance prepare students at the undergraduate level for careers in athletic training, health promotion, and physical education.

Athletic Training
Arc Warren, EdD, ATC, LAT, CSCS—Associate Professor and Program Director

The athletic training educational program is a CAAHEP accredited program designed for professional preparation as a certified athletic trainer by the Board of Certification. In addition to core course requirements, ATEP majors are required to complete a variety of clinical experiences. The educational process in athletic training prepares students to work in a variety of allied health settings including secondary or post-secondary academic institutions, hospitals, rehabilitation or sports medicine centers, and professional sports teams. The program utilizes a competitive admissions process and technical standards for admission and has strict transfer and retention policies. Interested students should contact the program director for additional information or view the program’s website at education.okstate.edu/index.php/academic-units/school-of-applied-health-a-educational-psychology/athletic-training.

Requirements for admission can be found at either location.

Health Education and Promotion
Bridget Miller, PhD—Associate Professor and Program Coordinator

The health education and promotion program prepares students to provide preventive and rehabilitative services in a variety of settings including worksites, health care facilities, community agencies, schools/universities, and governmental agencies. Students culminate their degree requirements with a semester-long internship during their final semester. This degree track prepares students for credentialing opportunities such as the Certified Health Education Specialists and certifications offered through the American College of Sports Medicine.

Physical Education
Patricia Hughes, PhD—Associate Professor and Program Coordinator

The undergraduate program includes a curriculum designed for professional preparation as a certified teacher of physical education, PK-12. Core courses for all physical education students include science-based courses, teaching methods, health and content-specific courses. Students engage in two formal field-based experiences: (1) a 45-hour practicum consisting of on-site observational experiences in one or more public school settings; and (2) a clinical experience (student teaching) in elementary and secondary schools during the final semester.

Graduate Program
Doug Smith, PhD—Associate Professor and Graduate Coordinator

MS in Health and Human Performance. The health and human performance program provides preparation at the master’s level with three option choices: health promotion, applied exercise science, and athletic training.

PhD in Health, Leisure and Human Performance. The purpose and focus of this program is to prepare excellent entry level research scholars for formal and informal learning organizations. They may serve in such roles as faculty members at colleges and universities and scholar practitioners in the workplace. The options included in the degree program help students to develop experiences that will allow them to meet career needs and goals through (1) interactive, collaborative research, (2) teaching experience, (3) university and program service, and (4) outreach and extension appropriate to a land-grant university. The options in (1) health and human performance and (2) leisure studies are designed to permit flexibility within the disciplines encompassed by the degree while ensuring that all students in the program are provided the opportunity to develop research skills which facilitate functioning as future faculty members or scholar practitioners.

Leisure Studies
Tim Passmore, CTRS, PhD—Associate Professor and Program Coordinator

The program in leisure studies at Oklahoma State University prepares students at the undergraduate and graduate levels for careers in leisure services management and therapeutic recreation. Both undergraduate options are accredited by the Council on Accreditation, Sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). Students completing the programs are eligible to sit for respective national certification examinations. Leisure services management prepares students for employment in a variety of settings such as municipal, commercial, and corporate recreation; state and national park services; YMCAs and YWCAs; and armed services recreation. Therapeutic recreation prepares students to work with persons with disabilities in a variety of settings including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, day programs, institutions and within the community.

Leisure services management is a growing field and is a multi-billion dollar industry. Students work in a variety of settings and can emphasize management, campus recreation, or outdoor pursuits. Therapeutic recreation is a valued part of the health care and human services. Individuals with illnesses, disabilities or limitations are helped to restore, enhance or maintain their health, independence and well-being through recreational activities. Non-majors may complete a 21 credit minor in Leisure Studies.

Graduate Programs
Lowell Caneday, PhD—Regents Professor and Coordinator

Master of Science in Leisure Studies. Beyond the baccalaureate level, the program in leisure studies provides preparation at the master’s level across the discipline. Students develop a plan of study, under the advisement of a graduate committee and may focus on various emphasis areas in recreation, parks and leisure services. Graduates of the master’s degree are typically employed in management and administrative positions in a wide variety of recreation, parks, 2012-2013 University Catalog
Students seeking the terminal degree in Leisure Studies engage in professional education courses accompanied by at least four school-based experiences. Tulsa students have an opportunity to participate in the Urban Education Program, a cooperative effort between OSU and Tulsa Public Schools. Stillwater students can apply to the ExCEL program, providing site-based course work in one of two Stillwater elementary schools for the final two semesters of enrollment. The culminating clinical internship placement opportunities include placement through the Urban Education Program, placement in accredited schools in Stillwater and the surrounding area, or international placement. All students complete a Professional Portfolio with three separate submissions (The Portfolio Submissions I must be successfully completed during the semester before the block semester). It should be noted that all previous course work must be successfully completed prior to participation in the final two semesters, (the block semester and student teaching semester). Oklahoma certification also mandates the Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Educators. The Bachelor of Science in Secondary or K-12 Education degree is designed to prepare teacher candidates who are life-long learners, emerging professionals, and subject matter specialists with strong liberal arts backgrounds. Each secondary/K-12 degree and certification program includes general education courses, extensive specialization course work in the discipline area, and professional education courses accompanied by at least four school-based field experiences. Tulsa students have an opportunity to participate in the Urban Education Program, a cooperative effort between OSU and Tulsa Public Schools. Degree options leading to licensure for teaching grades 6-12 are English, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students complete a Professional Portfolio with three separate submissions. Oklahoma licensure also mandates Teacher Certification Examinations. The Bachelor of Science in Career and Technical Education (CTED) is designed with two distinct options: the non-certification option, for students interested in adult technical education, and the certification option for students interested in secondary career and technical education. CTED Non-certification Option. Students choosing the non-certification option are prepared to become instructional personnel for technical programs in community junior colleges, technical institutes and industry. Graduates with this option also accept technical employment of various types in business, industry and government. The non-certification option is designed primarily for graduates of technical programs in technical institutes and community colleges. Qualified students from pre-professional programs can be accepted with advanced standing. In addition, students desiring to prepare for careers in technical education may enter the program directly from high school and complete their technical major requirements at OSU. CTED Certification Option. Candidates selecting this option are prepared to serve as teachers, or in other related professional roles for career and technical education programs. Plans of study leading to the bachelor's degree are offered for those wishing to qualify for teaching under the approved state plan for career and technical education. Candidates completing this option are qualified to teach in career and technical departments of high schools and area career and technology centers. The certification options include business information technology, marketing education, health occupations education, technology education, and technical and industrial education. The specializations in technical and industrial education are selected from but not limited to the trade and industrial fields of air conditioning heating and refrigeration, automotive technology, aviation technology, building and grounds maintenance, carpentry, commercial art, commercial photography, computer repair technology, cosmetology, diesel engine technology, drafting, electronics, laboratory technology, law enforcement training, machining, masonry, printing, plumbing, telecommunications, and welding technology. For the technical and industrial option, specific field is determined by the specialization proficiency and teaching aspirations of the student. Since specialization competency normally is required for admission, students are accepted into this option by consent of the program faculty. The required specialization competency may be acquired by completing a career and technology program in an approved high school, area vocational school, technical college, community junior college, by apprenticeship training, by actual experience in the field of specialization, or by a combination of these. See the section “Professional Education Unit” for details regarding state certification requirements and procedures. Undergraduate Programs Julianne Utley, PhD—Associate Professor and Elementary Education Coordinator Virginia Worley, EdD—Professor and Secondary Education Coordinator Mary Jo Self, EdD—Associate Professor and CTED Coordinator The School offers undergraduate degrees in elementary, secondary, and K-12 education, and career and technical education. The Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree qualifies the student for an Oklahoma elementary teaching license (grades 1-8). The program is intended to provide students with 1) a breadth of knowledge reflecting the broad traditions of general education, and 2) a depth of knowledge in the area of specialization. The degree includes four field experiences, culminating in a full-semester clinical internship, through which students work in diverse school settings and demonstrate and strengthen their pedagogical knowledge. This degree is offered on both the Stillwater and Tulsa campuses, and Tulsa students have an opportunity to participate in the Urban Education Program, a cooperative effort between OSU and Tulsa Public Schools. Stillwater students can apply to the ExCEL program, providing site-based course work in one of two Stillwater elementary schools for the final two semesters of enrollment. The School of Teaching and Curriculum Leadership prepares educational professionals to work with diverse populations in various settings. As a community of scholars, we generate knowledge, promote learning and understanding, and foster personal and professional growth through teaching, research, service, and outreach. The Bachelor of Science in Secondary or K-12 Education degree is designed to prepare teacher candidates who are life-long learners, emerging professionals, and subject matter specialists with strong liberal arts backgrounds. Each secondary/K-12 degree and certification program includes general education courses, extensive specialization course work in the discipline area, and professional education courses accompanied by at least four school-based field experiences. Tulsa students have an opportunity to participate in the Urban Education Program, a cooperative effort between OSU and Tulsa Public Schools. Degree options leading to licensure for teaching grades 6-12 are English, mathematics, science, and social studies. The foreign language option leads to certification in grades K-12. Secondary or K-12 certification (with degrees from the College of Arts and Sciences) are available in art, English, foreign language, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students complete a Professional Portfolio with three separate submissions. Oklahoma licensure also mandates Teacher Certification Examinations. The bachelor’s degree program is also frequently designed to qualify graduates for certification in a specific area. The Curriculum and Leadership Studies option provides a sound foundation in curriculum knowledge including the social, philosophical, ethical, political, historical, and psychological aspects of curriculum, curriculum planning, pedagogy, and curriculum leadership. The degree program will deepen one’s knowledge of curriculum and will prepare graduates for positions as curriculum leaders, curriculum planners, curriculum administrators, curriculum consultants, teacher leaders, and teacher researchers. Program content will benefit those teachers pursuing National Board Certification. Many classes are offered on both Stillwater and Tulsa campuses.
The Elementary, Middle, or K-12 option (EMS K12) provides choices for students to include course work to enhance their understanding of teaching and learning at their chosen level, and in the case of secondary or K-12 to include content area course work. This option also includes a plan designed for students seeking initial licensure in elementary education (grades 1-8). This initial licensure plan includes a semester-long clinical internship in the schools, preparation of a professional portfolio as required by the state, and mandated Teacher Certification Examinations.

The Math/Science Education option provides extended course work in both content area and pedagogy as students take courses in math or science education and additional math or science courses through the College of Arts and Sciences. The option also includes course work integrating math and science pedagogy so that graduates will be skilled in content integration between the two areas. The option is designed to prepare teacher leaders in math education and/or science education. This option asks applicants to either hold an undergraduate major or minor in mathematics or science or post a satisfactory score on the quantitative portion of the Graduate Record Exam.

The Occupational Education Studies option is flexible in content coverage, offering course work appropriate for a wide range of people, including Career Tech educators, technical educators, and other personnel in higher education, career and occupational counselors, adult trainers in business and industry, and workforce development professionals from all fields. Courses are offered using a variety of delivery options, including face-to-face, online, hybrid, video broadcast, and weekends. Many classes are offered on both the Stillwater and Tulsa campuses.

The Reading and Literacy option provides students with experiences to develop knowledge of comprehensive, K-12 literacy curriculum and instruction including regular and alternate licensing. The option offers reading/language arts/writing instruction, and the roles of children’s literature. The program also supports candidates’ development in the areas of education theory and research, curriculum design, creating literate environments, appreciating and including diverse learners, and providing quality professional development as program administrators or literacy coaches. Students who complete the Reading Specialist requirements can be recommended to the Oklahoma State Department of Education for K-12 Reading Specialist certification.

The Secondary Education for Teachers Non-Traditionally Certified option is designed for those holding undergraduate degrees in content areas who would like to obtain a teaching license or those who are already teaching after an alternative path to licensure. Admitted students include those wishing to follow a traditional path to teaching licensure combining courses in pedagogy and teacher learning, and provide adequate evidence of required Teacher Certification Examinations in order to gain OSU recommendation for licensure. Admitted students seeking initial licensure who are not already teaching will carry out several field placements including a semester-long clinical internship in schools and prepare a professional portfolio in compliance with state requirements for traditional teaching licensure.

The Special Education option, nationally recognized by the Council for Exceptional Children, is designed to prepare educators to work effectively with children and youth with mild to moderate disabilities. The option encompasses two primary mathematics education and teaching special education, with initial course work completed prior to program admission. Teacher candidates are served during evenings and weekends, and can be taken on a part-time or full-time basis. Most classes are offered on both the Stillwater and Tulsa campuses. Classes utilize a variety of instructional formats including face-to-face, live interactive, compressed video, and hybrid design. The program offers classroom instruction including both live classroom instruction and online learning. To be eligible for state certification, students must pass Teacher Certification Examinations.

Doctor of Philosophy in Education

Students in the Doctor of Philosophy in Education program critically analyze teaching and learning in different contexts both inside and outside of school, explore how these processes are embedded in wider social, political, and economic contexts, and envision the possibilities for improving teaching and learning. This, in effect, the program has an emphasis on the critical production of research with the intent that graduates from this program will contribute to their scholarly fields while addressing the needs of the state of Oklahoma, the country, and the larger global community. The integration of five degree options

Curriculum Studies, Educational Technology, Occupational Education Studies, Professional Education Studies, and Social Foundations of Education—provides a conceptual and coherent doctoral program in which students and faculty explore teaching and learning in new ways within various cultural milieus, such as the family, workplaces, publishers, and universities. The Ph.D. degree, with options housed in two Schools within the College of Education, is intended for individuals seeking employment in higher education, common schools, and other educational settings (such as museums, educational publishing, and curriculum development).

The Curriculum Studies option has as its mission to educate scholars with a deep understanding and ability to create and use knowledge of curriculum studies in the field of education and in other scholarly communities interested in the advancement of education at the state, national, and international levels. In articulating the role of the Curriculum Studies option is to provide an understanding of the broad views of curriculum, including content and organization of school, the social context in which school is situated, and the process of education both in and out of school. Curriculum studies is understood as both a disciplinary and an interdisciplinary field of study with its own distinctive history, conceptions, and modes of inquiry, always open to new scholarship. Curriculum theorizing, curriculum development and assessment, pedagogy, curriculum inquiry, curriculum history, advocacy, critical pedagogy, teacher research, and intercultural and international dialogue are all part of the scholarship of curriculum studies in the program. Particular attention is also devoted to those absent from typical curriculum decision making; curriculum studies is concerned with issues of equity, access, and voice. This option is housed in the School of Teaching and Curriculum Leadership.

The Educational Technology option is designed to facilitate educators in becoming highly qualified educational technologists and school library media specialists. Our focus is on instructional design, information management, and multimedia development along with core technology integration. This option asks applicants to either hold an undergraduate major or minor in mathematics or science or post a satisfactory score on the quantitative portion of the Graduate Record Exam. This option is housed in the School of Educational Studies.

The Occupational Education Studies option is intended to strengthen research activities for improving practice in occupational education, provide graduate programs that reflect transformative roles in occupational education and the workplace, strengthen leadership and outreach services to the discipline, expand activities in international workforce development, and strengthen the cultural diversity in the field of occupational education studies. The focus is to prepare persons for leadership positions in higher education; international occupational education and workforce development organizations; national, state, and community agencies; as well as public and private educational institutions. This option is housed in the School of Teaching and Curriculum Leadership.

The Professional Education Studies option includes areas of specialization in Arts and Humanities (arts, English, ELL, foreign language, and the social studies/sciences), Literacy, Mathematics and Science, and Special Education. Professional Education faculty members work to make scholars of educational theory and research who advance knowledge fundamental to teaching and learning in a diverse and global society and fundamental to social justice and equity in education. Diverse perspectives include but are not limited to; depth of study of theories used to advance social justice; education, teaching, and learning; analyses of diverse teaching and learning contexts; application of inquiry-based teaching-learning use; and research methodology (qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, and interpretive/ theoretical methodologies) for application in professional and educational enterprises.

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General Program Requirements, Application Procedures and Financial Aid

Master’s Program. All TLL master’s degree options require 36 hours of course work. All students take a comprehensive exam and complete either a Creative Component or Thesis. The Creative Component can take a variety of forms and be an advanced paper to a creative demonstration of expertise gained through the degree. The thesis is original research. The student’s Advisory Committee (three members) assists the student through all aspects of the program. Application to the Graduate College precedes program admission decisions. For unqualified admission an applicant must have completed an undergraduate degree in Education or a related field and submit a curriculum statement aligned with the option area chosen. Option areas have minimum grade point requirements for the undergraduate degree and may have additional materials that make up the admissions packet.

Doctoral Program. The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree requires a minimum of 69 semester hours beyond the master’s degree. Application to the Graduate College precedes program admission decisions. For program admission, candidates prepare a folder to be evaluated by faculty. This folder is to include a score from the Graduate Record Exam or the Miller Analogies Test, a Statement of Goals and Objectives, references, and examples of written expression. An interview may be required.

Financial Aid. Some support is available each year for research assistantships and for qualified graduate students to assume teaching responsibilities in the undergraduate curriculum. Selections are usually made in the spring semester for the following academic year. Interested persons are encouraged to apply at any time. Applications can be obtained from the School of Teaching and Curriculum Leadership. A limited number of graduate fee waivers and College of Education scholarships are available to eligible graduate students.
School of Educational Studies

Katye Perry, PhD—Associate Professor and Interim School Head
Jesse Mendez, PhD—Associate School Head

The School of Educational Studies offers degrees or options in the following areas: aviation and space, school administration, higher education, college student development, research and evaluation, curriculum social foundations and educational technology. These areas of emphasis conduct scholarly inquiry and educate professionals in areas foundational to thought and practice in a wide variety of professional roles associated with business, educational and industrial settings. Consistent with the goals of OSU’s Professional Education Council’s Core Concepts and Goals Statement, faculty strives to demonstrate and perpetuate teaching that is based on theory and research-driven educational practices.

We provide specialized training at the undergraduate and graduate levels yet permit flexibility to enable students to meet individualized goals. General information about undergraduate degrees may be found under the "University Academic Regulations" section of the Catalog. Additional general information about graduate degrees may be found in the "Master's Degree," "Doctor of Education," or "Doctor of Philosophy" areas of the "Graduate College" section of the Catalog.

Financial support is available for research assistantships and for qualified graduate students to assume teaching responsibilities under faculty supervision. Selections for assistantships are usually made in the spring semester for the following academic year. However, interested individuals are encouraged to apply at any time. Applications can be obtained from the School. A limited number of graduate fee waivers and College of Education scholarships are available to eligible students. This information can be obtained from the School.

Aviation and Space Education

Todd P. Hubbard, EdD—Associate Professor and Program Coordinator,
Clarence E. Page Endowed Chair

Aviation and Space Program. The Aviation and Space Program prepares students for careers in the aerospace industry. The BS in Aerospace Administration and Operations degree program offers five options: Professional Pilot, Aviation Management, Technical Services Management, Aerospace Security, and Aerospace Logistics. The Professional Pilot option prepares students for careers in flight operations in both the general aviation and the air carrier segments of the aviation industry. In addition to high quality aviation related coursework, the student will attain FAA certifications for Private Pilot, Commercial Pilot-Instrument Rated for both single-engine and multi-engine aircraft and Certified Flight Instructor. The Aviation Management option is compliant with Title 14 CFR of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 141 and accredited by Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). The Aviation Management option prepares students for management positions in the aerospace industry. Employment opportunities include positions with fixed-base operators, air carriers, corporate flight departments, commuter and air taxi operations and a variety of career areas associated with airport operations, manufacturing, maintenance and government aviation and aerospace organizations. Aviation Management is accredited by Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). The Technical Services Management option builds on an individual's technical experience in aircraft maintenance or avionics to prepare the students for management positions in all segments of the industry. Twenty-five hours of technical training may be credited toward this option if received from an accredited institution.

The Aerospace Security option prepares students for careers in aerospace security fields. Employment opportunities include governmental agencies and private industry that deal with aerospace security operations. The Aerospace Logistics option prepares students to work in the aerospace logistics sector. Employment opportunities include positions with military and civilian transportation, regression and overhaul (MRO) facilities worldwide as well as any aerospace organization involved in supply-chain management activities. The Aviation and Space Program has an extensive industry-based management internship program established with aerospace industries, major and regional air carriers and a variety of other companies within the aerospace industry.

OSU is an educator member of the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). The AVED Program is also an institutional member of University Aviation Association (UAIA).

Graduate Degree Requirements

Aerospace Security Certificate. The Aerospace Security Certificate prepares students for careers in aerospace security fields. Employment opportunities include governmental agencies and private industry that deal with aerospace security operations. To be considered for admission to the Aerospace Security Graduate Certificate students must be admitted to both the OSU Graduate College and the AVED program. Students who want to pursue their AVED Master’s must also make application to the AVED Master’s degree.

MS Degree Program. The Master's in Interdisciplinary Studies with the Aviation and Space Sciences option emphasizes management, regulation, logistics, security, finance, current issues, and content regarding the aerospace industry and related government programs and missions. To be considered for admission, students must be admitted to both the OSU graduate college and the AVED program. Applicants are required to provide a statement of personal goals and objectives, two letters of recommendation addressing the applicant’s abilities, interest, motivation, etc., and a copy of a recent resume. All MS students must complete course work from research, core requirements, program emphasis, and elective courses to total 33 hours. At least 21 hours must be completed at the graduate level (5000 or above) and no pass/fail courses may be used. Master's students must also complete a Creative Component for committee approval.

EdD Degree Program. The EdD in Applied Educational Studies with the Aviation and Space Education option emphasizes administration of aerospace programs, aviation law, aerospace logistics, aerospace security programs, international aviation issues, and aircraft accident investigations. The Space portion emphasizes the development of air and space flight; the earth's air, land and water systems; and the solar system. The Aviation and Space program provides advanced courses in the specific field of aviation and space for successful practice in the aerospace industry. Applicants should have at least three full years of experience in the aerospace industry, government, and/or or higher education area(s). Either the MAT or GRE test must be taken within five years prior to application to the program. All applicants are required to submit a statement of personal goals and objectives, two letters of recommendation addressing the applicant’s abilities, interests, motivation, etc., and a current resume/vita. Course work must be completed from the professional core, program emphasis, field experiences, and research in addition to 10 hours of Doctoral Dissertation, for a total of 60 hours of course work beyond the Master’s degree. The EdD degree requires a dissertation that is research-based in the field of specialization of the practitioner-student. Basic principles are used to emphasize the practical application of research.

The mission of the Aviation and Space program has three essential components:

1. Cultivate exemplary undergraduate and graduate instruction through a professional atmosphere in which students learn, develop, promote integrity, and contribute to the broader aerospace community.
2. Engage in applied aerospace research and scholarly initiatives that benefit industry, general aviation, government, and the public.
3. Provide leadership, expertise, and professional development opportunities for aviation and aerospace professionals and the aerospace industry and to promote a greater understanding of aerospace among the general public.

OSU NASA Education Projects. The faculty in the Aviation and Space Program are the principal investigators for five NASA education projects.

1. NASA Teaching From Space Project (TFSP). The NASA TFSP provides opportunities for K-12 students and educators to become involved with real NASA missions and research, gain access to NASA experts, and use NASA equipment. In addition to unique hands-on activities that sometimes include real time interaction with astronauts onboard the ISS, TFSP offers electronic resources on a variety of topics such as rocketry, robotics, spacesuits, and living and working in space.
2. NASA Interdisciplinary National Science Project Incorporating Research and Education Experience (INSPIRE). The NASA INSPIRE provides for 9-12 grade students an online learning community that engages them and their parents in weekly live chats with NASA experts and participation in individual activities and individual/group challenges.
3. The NASA Explorer Schools Project (NES). The NES project provides opportunities for educators of grades 4-12 to participate in a virtual campus of educational activities for use in science, technology, engineering and mathematics instruction. NASA Now weekly online video program for students, and recognition opportunities for teachers, students and schools; includes research experiences for educators at NASA Centers, student symposium, and reduced gravity flight opportunities.
4. The NASA Digital Learning Network (DLN). The NASA DLN supports K-12 students and educators with interactive, specialized education video-conferences to support science, technology, engineering and mathematics instruction.
5. NASA Kennedy Space Center (KSC) Educator Resource Center (ERC). The NASA KSC ERC is located at KSC which has over a million visitors each year. The ERC serves educators throughout the region, including Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Additional information can be found at the FLYOSU.okstate.edu website.

Educational Leadership

Edward Harris, PhD—Professor and Coordinator

Educational leadership emphasizes three areas: higher education, school administration, and college student development. Doctorates in education (EdD) are offered in higher education and school administration; the PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies is offered with options in Higher Education and School Administration. The Master of Science degree is...
offered with options in higher education (a 36-hour program that prepares individuals for leadership positions in all levels in post-secondary institutions), school administration (a 36-hour program designed for those who aspire to the principalship, departmental chairs, and central office positions in school districts), and college student development (a 42-hour program that prepares individuals for positions in the areas of student affairs). Admissions to the graduate programs in Educational Leadership are competitive and based upon multiple factors.

To be considered for admission to a masters program, applicants are expected to have earned a baccalaureate degree with at least a 3.00 GPA (on a 4.00 scale), and have career goals that match the program. Applicants must provide appropriate recommendations (3), a recent Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score, and pertinent essays. Students currently enrolled in the program have an average MAT score of 574 or GRE scores of Verbal 150 and Quantitative 541. Applicants admitted to the program are expected to have at least two years of teaching experience. Admissions to all master’s options are on a rolling basis (applications are reviewed when all materials have been received).

To be considered for admission to an EdD program, applicants must have an earned master’s degree with a minimum 3.00 GPA (on a 4.00 scale), and have career goals that match the program. Applicants must submit a description of relevant work experience, a recent MAT or GRE score, samples of scholarly work, a current vita or resume, a critical issues essay, a career objectives statement, and three official letters of recommendation. Students admitted to EdD programs in 2008 have an average MAT score of 414 or GRE scores of Verbal 483 and Quantitative 541. Applicants for the PhD program must provide the same information and documents as for the EdD. However, the GRE is required for the PhD, and the minimum scores expected are Verbal 500, Quantitative 510, and Writing 4.5. For the PhD only, a one year residency of at least nine hours for two semesters is required during the degree process. The deadline for submission of all application materials is March 15. Review of these materials will begin soon after this deadline with notification to follow soon thereafter.

Educational Technology
Pasha Antonenko, PhD—Assistant Professor and Coordinator

The goal of the Educational Technology program is to facilitate educators in becoming highly qualified educational technologists and school library media specialists. Our focus is on instructional design, information management, and the design and development of educational technology integrated into the classroom. This program enables candidates to serve in a variety of settings in education, business, and industry. The program website, edtech.okstate.edu, offers greater detail.

The MS in Educational Technology is for students interested in furthering their knowledge, skills, and opportunities in the area of educational technology and library media. The program emphasizes the marketability of candidates in the field of education and enables them to meet the demands of today’s educational technology environments. The program has been designed to prepare students with a demonstrated commitment to effective educational technology practice. This degree enhances career opportunities in the area of educational technology and library media. This degree will enhance their marketability and, in the case of the candidate for a master’s degree, open new opportunities for leadership and management roles within educational technology organizations. The coursework consists of 36 credit hours and includes an option to work in an area of instructional design or learning management. Graduates of the MS in educational technology can work in schools and school districts, higher education institutions, publishers and local, state and federal government agencies.

Admission Requirements. For both the masters and PhD programs, admission decisions are competitive and based on a combination of multiple criteria. Criteria for admission to the master’s program include an undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75; Miller Analog Test (MAT) or Graduate Record Exam (GRE); three positive letters of reference (preferably from previous instructors or employers); and evidence of potential for professional development (e.g., proof of written work). For the doctoral program, admissions criteria include telephone or personal interview, GRE scores, undergraduate and master’s GPA, four positive letters of reference on SES forms, relevant experience, statement of career goals (and evidence for professional development) and, in the case of international applicants, proof of written work. Students considering admission to the doctoral program must have a master’s degree from an accredited institution. Doctoral applicants should have an undergraduate GPA of at least 2.50 and a graduate GPA of at least 3.00.

Application Procedures. Applicants must submit a completed portfolio consisting of a Graduate Application for Admission form, the required number of positive letters of recommendation, a signed Confidentiality of Reference Form, official score report for required tests (GRE or MAT for master’s, GRE for doctoral), and two official transcripts from each institution attended, Statement of Purpose, and the Graduate College application fee. International applicants must include TOEFL scores and a signed Confirmation of Resources form. Completed applications are reviewed as they are received.

Social Foundations
Guoping Zhao, PhD—Associate Professor and Coordinator

Social foundations of education are the interdisciplinary study of schooling and other forms of schooling and of education. Ever since it began during the 1930s at Teachers College of Columbia University, social foundations has brought together scholars who situate questions of educational policy, practice, and social contexts. Using the tools of the humanities and the social sciences, social foundations scholars ask perennial questions, such as: What is the purpose of schooling in a democracy? What knowledge and values should be taught, and to whose benefit? How are issues of race, ethnicity, social class, gender and ability manifested in schools?

Drawing from history, philosophy, sociology, anthropology, international studies, and other disciplines to teach their courses, faculty in the social foundations program ask that educators reflect critically on the social and cultural dynamics of education. Aspects and how policy and practices might be improved. Students from other human service professions and other disciplines are invited to make similar use of the content of these courses for their professional practice.
Doctoral Program. The mission of the PhD in education with social foundations option is to educate scholars who have the abilities to discover, integrate, and apply knowledge about the culture in which the institutions called school reside, as well as the culture the institution creates. In the broadest sense, social foundations option is intended to educate scholars so they can disseminate new knowledge to the education, government, economic social and other scholarly communities interested in the advancement of the educational enterprise at the national and international levels.

To be considered for admission to the PhD program, applicants are expected to have an earned master's degree with minimum GPA averages of 3.50 on a 4.00 scale, and have credentials that match the program. Applicants must provide appropriate recommendations (3), present either a Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Miller Analogy Test (MAT) score. For the GRE, a composite score of 300 is expected on combines verbal and quantitative scales and 4.5 on the analytical scale. For the MAT, a raw score of 400 is expected. A recent scholarly writing sample is also expected. For students with little or no background in social foundations, additional leveling courses may be required.

Professional Education Unit

Officers of the Professional Education Council
Susan Stansberry—Associate Director of Professional Education

The College of Education coordinates all professional education programs offered at Oklahoma State University. All programs are operated in collaboration with the colleges of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Arts and Sciences, Human Sciences and the Graduate College. The dean of the College of Education serves as the director of the Professional Education Unit (PEU). The Professional Education Council has been established as the governance and oversight structure for the Professional Education Unit. The Unit has a mission statement, goals and a strategic plan that guide the operation of its programs.

Professional Education Unit Core Values. The underlying structure of the unit is articulated through its conceptual framework that guides the direction of programs, teaching practices, candidate performance, faculty scholarship, and service. The core values of the conceptual framework emphasize leadership, ethics and professionalism, academic and professional roles, diversity, and service orientation/community outreach. (L.E.A.D.S.)

Leadership. PEU prepares candidates who are committed to the belief that professional educators who provide quality education are the foundation of a prosperous and democratic society.

Ethics and Professionalism. PEU prepares candidates who demonstrate ethical and professional behavior in their interactions with students, families, colleagues and communities and practice social justice.

Academic and Professional Roles. PEU provides opportunities to prepare knowledgeable candidates who reflect upon the connections between academics and their professional roles.

Diversity. PEU prepares candidates who believe everyone deserves the opportunity to learn and can learn; they possess knowledge, skills, and dispositions to serve as effective professionals who understand and meet the needs of a diverse society.

Service Orientation/Community Outreach. PEU prepares candidates who value and engage in service and meaningful involvement of the learner/client and their families, as well as their school and their community.

All Professional Education programs are administered by the dean of the College of Education and are coordinated through the Office of Professional Education. Upon completion of an approved program or degree, passing the appropriate Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Educators, and upon the recommendation of the University, the candidate will be eligible for certification to serve in the schools of Oklahoma. All candidates completing an approved program or applying for a teaching certificate are subject to all rules and regulations specified by the OSU Professional Education unit, the Oklahoma State Board of Education, and the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation. State-mandated changes in teacher certification may result in additional course requirements for certification.

Certification programs are offered at various levels, but all require earning at least a bachelor's degree for recommendation for a standard certificate. Graduate programs leading to the master's degree, the education specialist degree, and both the Doctor of Education and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees are offered in various areas. In addition, there are programs at the graduate level that lead to certification which may or may not lead to graduate degrees. Professional Education programs at Oklahoma State University are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation.

Undergraduate Professional Education programs are offered in the College of Education as well as in the Colleges of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Arts and Sciences, and Human Sciences. The candidate must meet the requirements of the OSU Professional Education Unit as well as the degree requirements of the particular college. Each student who desires to enter a Professional Education program must make formal application to do so and must meet the admission standards specified.

Students classified by the Graduate College as "special" or "provisionally admitted" who are pursuing teacher certification must be admitted to the Professional Education Unit. Information regarding admission requirements may be obtained from the Office of Professional Education.

Inquiries concerning any aspect of Professional Education programs at Oklahoma State University should be addressed to the head of the School or Department offering the program or the Office of Professional Education, 325 Willard.

There are increasing opportunities in business, industry, and state and federal agencies for persons with unique preparation in several education specialties. The Unit also provides academic preparation for a wide range of certification and teaching areas:

- Undergraduate Certification Teaching Programs
  - Early Childhood Education (PK-3)
  - Elementary Education (1-8)
  - Elementary/Secondary Level (PK-12)

- Programs
  - Art Education
  - Foreign Language (French, German, Spanish)
  - Music-Instrumental
  - Music-Vocal
  - Physical Education/Health/Safety

Secondary Level Programs

- Agriculture Education
- Secondary English
- Secondary Mathematics
- Secondary Science
- Secondary Social Studies
- Career and Technical Education
- Family and Consumer Sciences

- Graduate Certification Programs
  - Elementary School Principal
  - Secondary School Principal
  - Library/Media Specialist
  - Reading Specialist
  - School Counselor
  - School Psychologist
  - School Speech/Language Pathologist
  - Special Education

Additional Certification Programs

- Initial Certification in Elementary or Secondary at the MS level

Add-on Programs in:
- Elementary Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Special Education

Graduate Programs

Master's degrees are available in conjunction with all of the above programs and doctorates are available in many. Options and areas of emphasis in several of these fields may be included as part of master's and doctoral degree programs if approved by the head of the school or department offering the program and the dean of the Graduate College.

Admission to Professional Education

The criteria for admission to Professional Education programs are based on University-wide policies recommended by the Director of Professional Education through the Professional Education Council. Requirements are applicable to all Professional Education administrative units of the colleges preparing teachers. Students should submit an Application for Admission to Professional Education Form to the Professional Education Unit as early as possible in their programs. The candidate is not considered a fully eligible participant in a Professional Education program until formally admitted to the Professional Education Unit.

Full admission is required to enroll in the restricted courses in teaching methods and the clinical practice internship. Certain vocational programs may vary from this requirement due to state guidelines.

Criteria for Admission to Undergraduate Professional Education Programs

For admission to the Professional Education Unit, the student must complete the Application for Admission to Professional Education. To be admitted to Professional Education programs within the College of Education, students must meet the required minimum grade-point average. (See "College of Education Admission Requirements." ) If the student is enrolled in the Professional Education program in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Arts and Sciences, or Human Sciences, the student should check with the office of the department head for further information.
The student must meet all of the following criteria to be fully admitted to Professional Education:

1. Orientation to Professional Education Course and Field Experiences. An appropriate orientation to Professional Education course must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. One semester credit hour of early field experiences must be completed with a grade of “C” or better or grade of “P”.

2. Basic Skills Competency. Basic skills competency must be demonstrated by successful completion of the Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET).

3. Minimum cumulative overall GPA of 2.50. A minimum cumulative overall GPA of 2.50 must be earned based on no fewer than 40 credit hours of courses to include lower-division general education requirements as specified in the student’s program.

Criteria for Admission to Graduate (post-baccalaureate)

Professional Education Programs

Graduate (post-baccalaureate) students must complete the application for Admission to Professional Education form. Post-baccalaureate candidates must meet one of the following criteria for full admission to Professional Education:

1. The student must have completed an approved Professional Education program and hold a valid Oklahoma certificate or Provisional, Standard, or Professional Certificate; or a valid certificate from a state with which the Oklahoma State Department of Education has an interstate contract.

2. Students in a master’s program must (a) satisfy the departmental requirements for unqualified admission to the master’s degree program; (b) have a minimum cumulative overall GPA of at least 2.50; (c) complete one semester credit hour of early field experiences with a grade of “C” or better or a grade of “P” and (d) complete an orientation to Professional Education course with a grade of “C” or better or a grade of “P.”

3. Students classified by the Graduate College as “special” or “provisionally admitted” must (a) have a minimum cumulative overall GPA of at least 2.50; (b) complete one semester credit hour of early field experiences with a grade of “C” or better or a grade of “P” and (c) an orientation to Professional Education course with a grade of “C” or better or a grade of “P” and receive a passing score on the OGET.

Professional Portfolio

The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation requires candidates for certification in Oklahoma to present professional portfolios as a portion of their professional documentation. Candidates in Professional Education are required to submit a professional portfolio for review and approval at designated checkpoints prior to certification.

Transfer Students

Transfer students must work toward meeting the criteria for full admission to Professional Education established by Oklahoma State University as soon as possible during the first semester at OSU. It may be possible to transfer admission from another Oklahoma institution. For information see the OSU site www.okstate.edu/peu or contact the Office of Professional Education.

Calculating Grade-Point Average Professional Education

The 2.50 GPA for all Professional Education purposes is calculated based on the University graduation and retention GPA policy.

Retention in Professional Education

For participation in all courses requiring full admission to and for continued acceptability in the Professional Education unit, an undergraduate candidate must maintain a grade-point average required for graduation of at least 2.50. If this GPA falls below 2.50, the candidate is placed on probation. When the required graduation GPA is raised above 2.50, the candidate is removed from probation. If the candidate fails to meet the graduation GPA requirement in that probationary semester or fails to have at least a 2.50 GPA for that semester, the candidate will be suspended from the Professional Education Unit. A candidate not satisfying the probation requirements at the end of the semester following the initial probationary semester will be administratively withdrawn from the Professional Education Unit and all courses having full admission as a prerequisite. Readmission to the Professional Education Unit will require a new application. Advisers are available to assist the candidate in regularly reviewing continuing retention or reinstatement in Professional Education programs. A retention review prior to enrollment and again prior to the beginning of classes each semester is encouraged when continuing retention is in question.

Graduate students, including those classified as graduate special students, admitted to the Professional Education unit must meet and maintain the requirements of the Graduate College to remain in good academic standing with the Professional Education Unit. This will require that graduate candidates earn and maintain a 3.00 GPA at Oklahoma State University following admission to Professional Education.

Additional Professional Education Requirements

Candidates in Professional Education programs may be required to document competency in a foreign language at the novice high level and to complete a professional portfolio. These requirements are dependent upon college matriculation, graduation dates, continuous enrollment, and admission to the Professional Education program. Students must contact their adviser for details.

Program Completers.

In Oklahoma, a program completer is defined as a person who has met all the requirements of a state-approved teacher preparation program. Program completers include all those who are documented as having met such requirements. OSU requirements include a degree, program credentials as documented on a transcript and written proof of having met the program’s requirements which include successful completion of all certification examinations and a professional portfolio.

Background Check for Field Placements

The OSU Professional Education Unit requires ALL non-certified candidates to complete a state level background check (name check) prior to placement in any field experience. (In most cases this would be an Oklahoma check, however, in the case of an out-of-state transfer student it could be a check from their originating state.) This process facilitated by the Office of Professional Education (325 Willard).

Diverse Placement in Field Experiences

NCATE Statement

“America’s classrooms are becoming increasingly diverse; more than one-third of the students in P-12 classrooms are from minority groups. The families of an increasing number of students are immigrants, many with native languages other than English and from diverse religious backgrounds. Growing numbers of students are classified as having disabilities. At the same time, minority teachers are less than 15 percent of the teaching force. As a result, most students do not have the opportunity to benefit from a diverse teaching force. Teacher candidates need to develop proficiencies for working with students from diverse backgrounds and with exceptionalities to ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn. Regardless of whether they live in areas with great diversity, candidates must develop knowledge of diversity in the United States and the world, dispositions that respect and value differences, and skills for working in diverse settings.”

Professional Education Unit at Oklahoma State University shares the NCATE vision of providing field experiences that prepare our students for careers as educators in an increasingly diverse world. Our intent is to provide opportunities to experience diversity in the communities we serve in Oklahoma; whether that is diversity in ethnicity, socio-economic level, and geography or in race, gender, department level, course offerings, or school day schedule. We recognize that opportunities to experience diversity vary within each program and inherent difficulties may exist in meeting all of these needs in some programs. We also recognize that diversity exists in many different forms and aspects and each program is committed to providing as much diversity as possible in its field experience placements.

The Professional Education Council of Oklahoma State University strives to ensure that teacher education students complete field experiences in schools meeting some or all of the following criteria:

1. Are urban, suburban, and rural;
2. Exceed the minority percentage for the state of Oklahoma;
3. Exceed the average low income status for Oklahoma school children;
4. Are diverse in scheduling, grade level, departments, course offerings, and teachers.

Clinical Practice Requirements

In order to participate in clinical practice, all teacher candidates must complete the Teacher Candidate Profile Application form during the prior semester. Clinical practice information is distributed at the “Intent to student teach” meeting each semester. Candidates are notified of this meeting through consultation with advisers, by e-mail notifications, via the PEU website, and by announcements made in Professional Education classes. Candidates must submit their applications to the Office of Professional Education prior to specified dates in September and February. These dates will be announced to candidates in the same manner as mentioned above. Candidates will be notified by e-mail of their placements after the coordinator of field experiences has received confirmation from the cooperating schools.
Criteria for clinical practice placement for all Professional Education candidates are:

1. Continued full admission to a program in the Professional Education unit (see "Retention in Professional Education" on the previous page);
2. A current overall grade-point average of at least 2.50;
3. A grade-point average of at least 2.50 in courses listed on the current approved program for certification in the areas of professional core, major, and secondary requirements (Exception - Secondary Education English requires 2.75 in major requirements). No grade lower than a "C" or a "P" in either of these areas;
4. Completion of all professional education coursework that includes at least one course in social foundations, all early field experiences (45 clock hours minimum), exceptional learners, and human growth and development, with no grade lower than a "C" or "P" in any of these courses. It is recommended that all professional sequence course work be completed.
5. Successful completion of submission II requirements for the Professional Education Program portfolio. The exact submission date for portfolio is set by the program certification area. Portfolios should contain the materials listed in the Portfolio Handbook (www.okstate.edu/peu/portfolio.htm) for the pre-internship submission and any additional items required by a specific program. The portfolio is completed in conjunction with the internship and should not be separate.

Required Grades in Clinical Practice. A candidate must receive grades of "P" in all sections of clinical practice in order to be recommended for a teaching certificate. A candidate assigned a grade of "F" in any section of clinical practice will not qualify for a recommendation for any level of certification.

Placements in clinical practice are made based on program faculty recommendation, availability of a qualified cooperating teacher, school district and site preferences, availability of a university supervisor, and candidate request. Candidates do not contact schools to secure their own placements. Candidates will not be placed in a school where a relative(s) attends or is employed or where the candidate has developed personal relationships with teachers or administration. In addition, candidates will not be placed in the school system from which they graduated. Finances cannot be considered when determining the internship placement.

Out-of-Area/Out-of-State Placements

A candidate requesting an out-of-area/out-of-state placement due to extenuating circumstances or seeking an assignment that provides exceptional professional experiences that would not be afforded by a local placement must submit a written request and receive the approval of the degree program area coordinator, the unit head, the Coordinator of Clinical Practices, and the PDU Field Experiences Committee. Securing placements and supervision are the responsibility of the Office of Clinical Practice and the program area coordinator. Extenuating circumstances may include, but are not limited to, medical or health issues that would impede the progress of the pre-service candidate's internship, family issues that would cause a hardship in the pre-service candidate's ability to successfully complete the student teaching assignment, or an issue of personal concern that cannot be addressed through a change in local placement site. Financial exigency alone is not grounds for an out-of-area/out-of-state placement.

Candidates granted an out-of-area/out-of-state placement must meet all clinical practice deadlines and requirements, including attendance of on-campus meetings and are required to pay the following fees:

1. All necessary and appropriate fees required in securing and finalizing the placement (e.g., such as reimbursement for cooperating teacher, supervisor, etc.). These fees are payable to the Office of Professional Education or designated office and/or out-of-state university at the beginning of the semester in which the placement is sought.
2. If a recommendation for certification is to be made by Oklahoma State University, the candidate is responsible for reimbursing visits performed by the cooperating institution. All other criteria pertaining to in-state clinical practice placements apply as previously stated.
3. OSU fees - A non-refundable administrative fee to cover time and extra work related to securing an out-of-area placement may be assessed when an approved request is submitted to the Clinical Practices office. The fee is due upon approval of designated site/s.
4. Supervising teacher fees - The out-of-area/out-of-state supervising fee is determined by each supervisor, the out-of-area/out-of-state university, and the Field Experience and Clinical Practices Office and typically ranges from $100 to $850 to cover the expenses incurred to conduct observations and student teaching evaluations. Students are responsible for all costs related to their out-of-area/out-of-state supervision. The fee is to be paid to Office of Professional Education, who will then pay the supervisor.
5. Cooperating teacher fees - Whereas local cooperating teachers are compensated with free tuition vouchers, an out-of-area/out-of-state cooperating teacher may not benefit from such compensation.
6. Additional fees - The local (out-of-area/out-of-state) cooperating university may require a fee for supervision for student not enrolled in their university or require co-registration in additional credits as a student at their university to attend their student teaching seminars.

Exceptions to this policy are permitted for students who are enrolled in programs that have a specific out-of-area/out-of-state placement policy and for students who participate in special placements abroad.

Qualifications for consideration of out-of-state/out-of-state placement request:
1. Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA and 3.0 GPA in content/certification area courses.
2. Successful interview with Program Area Coordinator presenting your request for an out-of-area placement
3. Recommendation from Program Area faculty
4. Agreement from local (out-of-area/out-of-state) university to supervise the student teacher
5. Availability and willingness of qualified university-affiliated supervisor to observe and evaluate student teacher
6. A memorandum of understanding signed by the student, the Program Area Coordinator, and the Coordinator of Clinical Practice must be on file prior to the request for placement being sent to the school district. The out-of-area/out-of-state university may require additional signed documentation.

Appeals

By enrolling in Professional Education programs at Oklahoma State University, students accept the responsibility for complying with all applicable Professional Education Council policies and procedures that allow them to maintain good academic standing. If the student believes that the established policies of the Professional Education Council have not been fairly or consistently followed, he/she has the right to pursue an appeal to the Student Affairs Committee. For more detailed information pertaining to the appeals process, students are encouraged to contact the Office of Professional Education.

Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Educators

All candidates who graduate or are seeking recommendation for certification from a Professional Education program are required to complete the Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Educators before a license or area of certification can be issued. The examinations, which include a General Education Test, Subject Area Tests, and a Professional Teaching Exam (OGET, OSAT, and OPTE), are administered by the Evaluation Systems, Pearson for the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation five times each year. Registration materials are available at www.ceedeservices.com.


Teacher candidates must successfully complete the OGET prior to admission to Professional Education, and the OPTE and OSAT at or near completion of their program.

Registration deadlines are indicated on the registration materials and are generally about four weeks prior to the testing date.

Recommendations for Certificate or Additional Certification Areas

Application information for an Oklahoma certificate can be obtained in the Office of Professional Education, 325 Willard. Candidates seeking admittance concerning teacher certificates can be assisted by the Certification Specialist in the Office of Professional Education. Oklahoma State University does not make a recommendation for a certificate or additional certification area until all criteria have been met and the Professional Education program and a passing score has been achieved on the Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Educators (CEOE). Applicants recommended by Oklahoma State University for a certificate or additional area of certification must have achieved passing grades in all sections of clinical practice.

A candidate assigned the grade of "F" in any section of clinical practice will not qualify for a recommendation for a license or any level of certification.

Requirements for certification and degrees are not necessarily the same thing. Candidates must meet all other certification requirements, including portfolio and foreign language proficiency if appropriate.

Requirements for exit from administrator preparation programs include:
1. successful completion of an administrator assessment that evaluates administrator candidates' knowledge and skills regarding legal, organizational, and financial concepts related to schools, reading comprehension, mastery of writing and verbal skills and child and adolescent growth and development.
2. a culminating portfolio which includes the future administrator's knowledge of diversity, and demonstrates his or her ability to transfer theory and research to practice.