

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION
AND CERTIFICATION IN FIELD OF STUDY
JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION — THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

For Students Entering the
Oklahoma State System for
Higher Education
**Summer 2016 through
Spring 2017**

Credit Hours and Grade Average Requirements	
Minimum Hours for Graduation.	124
Minimum Overall Grade Point Average	2.75
Minimum OU Residence Grade Point Average	2.75
Minimum Grade Point Average in Major	2.75
Minimum Requirements for Certification:	
Undergraduate Degree PLUS Certification Exams	

Early Childhood

B285
Bachelor of Science
in Education

OU encourages students to complete at least 32 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS — 54 Hours			MAJOR REQUIREMENTS			
These General Education courses meet minimum University, College and State General Education Requirements.			PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION 26 Hours		SPECIALIZED EDUCATION 44 Hours	
			Courses	Hours	Courses	Hours
English-12 hours	ENGL 1113, Prin. of English Composition (Core I) ENGL 1213, Prin. of English Composition (Core I), or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing	3 3	EDEC 3413, Early Childhood Development	3	EDEC 3543, Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood Education	3
	ENGL 2000-level or higher _____ (Core IV-AF) COMM 1113, Prin. of Communication (Core I), or COMM 2613, Public Speaking	3 3	EDSP 3054, Understanding & Accommodating Students with Exceptionalities	4	EDSS 3553, Found. to Social Studies Ed.	3
	MATH _____ (Core I)	3	+EIPT 3011, Productivity Tools (may be satisfied with competency exam)	1	*EDEC 3211, Lab Placement I	1
Mathematics-12 hours	MATH _____ (Core I)	3	EIPT 3043, Learning with Educational Technologies	3	EDEC 3333, Social Emotional Learning and Child Guidance	3
	MATH 2213, Mathematical Systems MATH 2223, Data Analysis and Geometric Systems	3 3	*EDS 4003, Schools in American Cultures	3	EDEC 3553, Field Experience	3
	Must take one course in the biological sciences: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO	4-5	*EIPT 3483, Motivation & Classroom Management for Teachers	3	EDLT 3183, Theories of Literacy Development for Young Children	3
	Must take one course in the physical sciences: (Core II) AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS	4-5	<i>The following courses are taken together in the final semester:</i>		EDMA 3353, Pre-K-3 Grade Math Concepts	3
Science-12 hours	One course must include a laboratory component.		*EDUC 4050, Teaching Experience	5	EDSC 4093, Inquiry-Based Science Teaching	3
	EDSC 3233, Environmental Issues in the Community	3	*EDUC 4050, Teaching Experience	4	*EDEC 3221, Lab Placement II	1
	HIST 1483, U.S. 1492-1865, or (Core IV) HIST 1493, U.S. 1865-Present P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III) Any ANTH, PSY, or SOC 1113 (Core III)	3 3 3	*These courses require field experience.		EDEC 3233, Family Engagement in Early Childhood Education	3
Social Studies-12 hours	Non-Western Culture: —to be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved CourseList (3000-level or above) and adviser approved. (Core IV)	3	Students must maintain a minimum of 2.75 grade point average with no grade less than a C in the Professional Education courses for graduation.		*EDEC 3513, Integrated Curriculum (Birth-5)	3
	_____	3			EDLT 4303, Methods, Materials, & Organization of Literacy Programs for Young Children	3
Practical Arts - 3 hours	EDEC 2203, Creative Expression in Early Childhood	3			EDEC 3573, Diverse Learners	3
Behavioral Science	EDEC 3413, Early Childhood Development (satisfied under Professional Education requirements)				*EDEC 4513, Integrated Curriculum (K-3)	3
Arts and Humanities-3 hours	Any PHIL course (Core IV-WC)	3			EDEC 4533, Assessment in Early Childhood Education	3
Foreign Language-0-10 hours	Students must meet both requirements outlined below: University-Wide General Education Requirement: Two college-level courses in a single foreign language are required; may be satisfied by successful completion of 2 years in a single foreign language in high school. (Core I) and, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Requirement: Teacher candidates must demonstrate conversational skills at a novice-high level in a language other than English. *The novice-high level language requirement may be satisfied by classical, modern, Native or American Sign Language.	0-10			<i>The following course is taken in the final semester:</i> EDEC 4123, Curriculum of Early Childhood Education (Capstone)	3
Senior Capstone	EDEC 4123 - Satisfied under Specialized Education requirements. (Capstone, Core V)				Students must maintain a minimum of 2.75 grade point average with no grade less than a C in the Specialized Education courses for graduation.	

Additional elective hours may be required to meet the 124 total hours, and 55 Liberal Arts hours, required to graduate.

CERTIFICATION: To be fully certified, students must pass Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Educators, apply for a license, and successfully complete the residency program.

Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Early Childhood Education — B285

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), or	3
	MATH (Core I)	3	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	3
	Biological Sciences, one course in BIOL/HES/MBIO/PBIO	4-5	MATH (Core I)	4-5
	HIST 1483, U.S. 1492-1865, or HIST 1493, U.S. 1865-Present	3	Physical Sciences, one course in ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR or PHYS	3
PHIL (Core IV)	3	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3	
			ANTH, or SOC, or PSY 1113 (Core III)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16-17	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16-17
SOPHOMORE	MATH 2213, Mathematical Systems	3	MATH 2223, Data Analysis and Geometric Systems	3
	ENGL 2000-level or higher (Core IV-AF)	3	EDEC 2203, Creative Expression in Early Childhood	3
	COMM 1113, Prin. of Communication, or	3	EDEC 3413, Early Childhood Development	3
	2613, Public Speaking	3	EDEC 3543, Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood Education	3
	EDSC 3233, Environmental Issues in the Community	3	EIPT 3011, Productivity Tools for Education (may be met with competency exam)	1
EDSS 3553, Foundations to Social Studies Education	3	EDSP 3054, Understanding & Accommodating Students with Exceptionalities	4	
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	17
JUNIOR	EDEC 3211, Laboratory Placement I	1	EDEC 3221, Laboratory Placement II	1
	EDEC 3333, Social Emotional Learning and Child Guidance	3	EDEC 3233, Family Engagement in Early Childhood Education	3
	EDEC 3553, Field Experience with Seminar	3	EDEC 3513, Integrated Curriculum (Birth-5)	3
	EDLT 3183, Theories of Literacy Development for Young Children	3	EDLT 4303, Methods, Materials, & Organization of Literacy Programs for Young Children	3
	EDMA 3353, PK-3 Mathematics Concepts	3	EDSC 4093, Inquiry-Based Science Teaching	3
	EDS 4003, Schools in American Cultures	3	EIPT 3043, Learning with Educational Technologies	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16
SENIOR	EDEC 3573, Diverse Learners	3	EDEC 4123, Curriculum of Early Childhood Education (Capstone)	3
	EDEC 4513, Integrated Curriculum (K-3)	3	EDUC 4050, Teaching Experiences in the Elementary School	5
	EDEC 4533, Assessment in Early Childhood Education	3	EDUC 4050, Teaching Experiences in the Elementary School	4
	EIPT 3483, Motivation & Classroom Management for Teachers	3		
	Non-Western Culture—Upper-Division (Core IV, Adviser Approved)	3		
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12

Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 40 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.

Additional credit hours may be required in the same college-level foreign language. Teacher candidates must demonstrate conversational skills at a novice-high level in a language other than English.

This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.

CERTIFICATION AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS—JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Students are eligible for admission to the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education with:

- a. a minimum of 24 semester hours earned from an accredited institution of higher learning;
- b. a minimum of 2.75 combined retention grade point average on all coursework attempted;
- c. a declared major in education.

FULL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS—TEACHER EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMS

Students are eligible for admission to Teacher Education with:

- a. a minimum of 30 semester hours from an accredited institution of higher learning to include the following 24 hours as defined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education with a grade of C or better: English (Composition and Literature)-6 hours; MATH, Gen. Ed. Core I -3 hours; American History-3 hours; American Government-3 hours; Humanities to include Artistic Forms, Western Civilization, Non-Western Culture, World Language, or other adviser-approved Gen. Ed. course -3 hours; Social and Behavioral Sciences-3 hours; Natural Sciences-3 hours.
- b. a minimum of 2.75 grade point average (OU retention and combined retention) on all coursework attempted;
- c. successful completion of the OGET (Oklahoma General Education Test) or PPST (Pre Professional Skills Test) The OGET Exam requires a minimum score of 240. All three portions of the PPST must be passed with minimum cut scores of MATH 171, WRITING 172, and READING 173.

Admission to a teaching program requires submission of an application, essay, background check, and an interview with the admission committee prior to enrollment in the first education course.

RETENTION REQUIREMENTS—JEANNINE RAINBOLT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

- a. Students must maintain a minimum 2.75 grade point average (OU retention and combined retention) in all **undergraduate** coursework and a minimum 3.00 grade point average in all **graduate** coursework attempted.
- b. Students must maintain a minimum of 2.75 **undergraduate** grade point average in both professional education courses and in specialized education courses with no grade less than a C and must maintain a minimum of 3.00 grade point average in **graduate** professional and specialized education courses, with no grade less than a B.
- c. Students must earn a C or better in Communication 1113 or Communication 2613.
- d. Students whose OU retention or combined retention grade point averages at the **undergraduate** level fall below 2.75 will be subject to dismissal from the college. At the **graduate** level, students must meet Graduate College requirements.
- e. Students who have not earned OU retention and combined retention grade point averages of 2.75 after the completion of 60 semester hours will be dismissed from the College.
- f. Because one college level math course is a requirement for full admission into both the college and the teacher preparation program, declared Education majors must complete at least one college-level Math within the first four semesters of enrollment at OU. Transfer students who have not completed a college level Math course will have two semesters to complete the requirement. Students who fail to meet the requirement within the time limits specified will be subject to dismissal from the College.
- g. Coursework more than 10 years old in the teaching specialization and professional education may not be credited toward the completion of a teacher education degree and/or certificate program. However, coursework over 10 years old may be reviewed by the appropriate certificate committee for possible credit toward the completion of a teacher education degree and/or certificate program.
- h. A student has 6 years to complete a teacher education degree and/or certificate program after full admission. After the 6-year period, a student must seek readmission to that program and meet the catalog requirements in effect at the time of readmission.
- i. Students **will be** withdrawn from courses for failing to observe prerequisites and corequisites. Continued disregard of prerequisites and corequisites is grounds for dismissal from the College.

FIELD EXPERIENCES: Transfer students without appropriate field experiences may be required to enroll in EDUC 2400.

PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT Only general education electives may be taken under the pass/no pass option.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS: Students must complete either the last 30 hours or 45 of the last 60 hours after being full admitted to a teacher education program to satisfy this requirement.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE COMPLETED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STUDENT TEACHING INTERNSHIP: Students must be in good standing and have satisfied all baccalaureate degree requirements, with the exceptions of EDUC 4050 and EDEC 4123.

JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENTS: Students transferring from a junior college may use the transferred credit to meet certain lower-division course requirements only; that is, freshman and sophomore-level courses.

DEGREE COMPLETION RESPONSIBILITY: Although the Dean's Office checks each student's records, **the responsibility for meeting degree requirements lies with the student** and not with the adviser or the Dean. Each student should obtain a copy of his or her requirements for graduation and check it regularly as he or she completes his or her degree program.

GRADUATION APPLICATION: The final step to be completed by the student before graduation is the filing of an official Application for Graduation. The Application for Graduation should be filled out online by September 15 for fall graduation, February 15 for spring graduation, and June 1 for summer graduation. **The student's degree will not be conferred, nor any completion statement entered on his or her transcript, until the required application is filed.**