

**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 2018 through Spring 2019

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	

Special Education

B855

Bachelor of Science
in Education

OU encourages students to complete at least 31 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS—55 Hours			MAJOR REQUIREMENTS			
These General Education courses meet minimum University, College and State General Education Requirements.			PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION 24 Hours		SPECIALIZED EDUCATION 44 Hours	
Areas	Courses	Hours	Courses	Hours	Courses	Hours
English-12 hours	ENGL 1113, Prin. of English Composition (Core I)	3	EDSP 3053, Understanding & Accommodating Exceptional Learners	3	EDLT 3911, Language & Literacy Practicum	1
	ENGL 1213, Prin. of English Composition (Core I), or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing	3			EDLT 3913, Literacy in the Primary Grades	3
Mathematics-12 hours	ENGL 2000-level or higher _____ (Core IV-AF)	3	*EIPT 3473, Learning, Development, & Assessment for Teachers	3	EDSC 4093, Inquiry-Based Science Teaching	3
	COMM1113, Prin. of Communication (Core I), or COMM2613, Public Speaking	3	EIPT 3043, Learning with Educational Technologies	3	EDSS 3553, Foundations to Social Studies Education	3
	MATH _____ (Core I)	3	*EDS 4003, Schools in American Cultures	3	EDMA 3353, PK-3 Mathematics Concepts, or	3
	MATH _____ (Core I)	3	*EIPT 3483, Motivation, & Classroom Management for Teachers	3	EDMA 4233, Developing Problem-Solving Environment for Secondary Math Learning	3
Science-12 hours	MATH 2213, Mathematical Systems	3	The following courses are taken together in the final semester: EDSP 4121, Applied Research in Special Education (Capstone) *EDSP 4134, Internship in Special Education I - Elementary (Capstone) *EDSP 4144, Internship in Special Education II - Secondary (Capstone)	1	EDSP 4013, Fundamental Academic Instructional Strategies	3
	MATH 2223, Data Analysis and Geometric Systems	3			EDSP 4023, Assessment for Eligibility & Program Planning	3
	Must take one course in the biological sciences: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO	3-5			*EDSP 4033, Families & Young Children with Developmental Delays	3
	Any 2000-level or higher science course.	3-4			EDSP 4043, Classroom Management in Special Education	3
	Must take one course in the physical sciences: (Core II) AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS	3-5			EDSP 4053, Language, Literacy & Communication Strategies	3
One course must include a laboratory component.	3	*EDSP 4063, Issues & Strategies in a Functional Curriculum	3			
Social Studies-12 hours	HIST 1483, U.S. 1492-1865, or (Core IV)	3	*EDSP 4072, Introductory Practicum in Special Education	2	EDSP 4083, Individual Behavior Supports	3
	HIST 1493, U.S. 1865-Present	3	*These courses require field experience. 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.	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.	EDSP 4093, Transition & Self-Determination	3
	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3			EDSP 4103, Technology Applications & Universal Design for Learning	3
	GEOG 1103, Human Geography (Core IV-WC), or GEOG 2603, World Regional Geography (Core IV-WC)	3			*EDSP 4112, Advanced Practicum in Special Education	2
	Non-Western Culture: to be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved Course List (3000-level or above) and adviser approved. (Core IV-NWC)	3			Free Electives	
_____	3	Electives can be chosen from General Education, World Languages, Education, or advisor approved.				
Behavioral Science-6 hours	PSY 1113, Elements of Psychology (Core III)	3	1			
	PSY 2403, Introduction to Personality or PSY 2603, Developmental Psychology	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.	0-10				
	*The novice-high level language requirement may be satisfied by classical, modern, Native or American Sign Language.					
Senior Capstone	EDSP 4121, 4134 and 4144, satisfied under Professional Education requirements (Capstone, Core V)	1				
Electives-1 hours	Additional elective hours may be required to meet the 55 Liberal Arts hours required to graduate.	1	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 — Special Education — B855

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
	HIST 1483, U.S. 1492-1865, or HIST 1493, U.S. 1865-Present	3	ENGL 2000-level (Core IV-AF)	3
	PSY 1113, Elements of Psychology	3	MATH (Core I)	3
	Biological Sciences, one course in BIOL/HES/MBIO/PBIO	4-5	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3
			Physical Sciences, one course in ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR or PHYS	4
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16-17	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16
SOPHOMORE	MATH 2213, Mathematical Systems	3	MATH 2223, Data Analysis and Geometric Systems	3
	COMM 1113, Principles of Communication, or	3	PSY 2403, Intro. to Personality, or PSY 2603, Developmental Psychology	3
	2613, Public Speaking (Core I)	3	EDSP 4013, Fundamental Academic Strategies	3
	GEOG 1103, Human Geography, or 2603, World Regional Geog. (Core IV-WC)	3	EDLT 3911, Language and Literacy Practicum	1
	EIPT 3473, Learning, Development, and Assessment for Teachers	3	EDLT 3913, Literacy in the Primary Grades	3
EDSP 3053, Understanding & Accommodating Exceptional Learners	3	Science Elective, 2000-Level	3-4	
General Education/Liberal Arts Electives	1			
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16-17
JUNIOR	EDS 4003, Schools in American Cultures	3	EDSP 4043, Classroom Management in Special Education	3
	EDSP 4033, Families & Young Children with Developmental Delays	3	EDSP 4053, Language, Literacy & Communication Strategies	3
	EDSP 4103, Technology Applications & Universal Design for Learning	3	EDSP 4063, Issues and Strategies in a Functional Curriculum	3
	EIPT 3043, Learning with Educational Technologies	3	EDSP 4072, Introductory Practicum in Special Education	2
	EDMA 3353, PK-3 Mathematics Concepts, or	3	EDSC 4093, Inquiry-Based Science Teaching	3
EDMA 4233, Develop. Problem-Solving Environment for Secondary Math Learning	3	EDSS 3553, Foundations to Social Studies Education	3	
Free Electives	1			
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	17
SENIOR	EDSP 4083, Individual Behavior Supports	3	EDSP 4121, Applied Research in Special Education (Capstone)	1
	EDSP 4093, Transition & Self-Determination	3	EDSP 4134, Internship in Special Education I - Elementary (Capstone)	4
	EDSP 4023, Assessment for Eligibility & Program Planning	3	EDSP 4144, Internship in Special Education II - Secondary (Capstone)	4
	EDSP 4112, Advanced Practicum in Special Education	2		
	EIPT 3483, Motivation & Classroom Management for Teachers	3		
Non-Western Culture—Upper-Division (Core IV, Adviser Approved)	3			
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	17	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	9

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. When a student accepts an offer of admission into a JRCoE department or program, he or she commits to comply with all its regulations, including those regarding professional conduct and dispositions that are contained in the JRCoE [Professional Behavior Policy](#).
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. Students must earn a C or better in Communication 1113 or Communication 2613.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. Course work 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, course work 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.
- i. 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.
- j. 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.
- k. To be eligible for the Graduate Certification Component, students must have been admitted to the Graduate College in good standing (3.0 on last 60 hours) or conditionally (2.75-2.99 on last 60 hours).

The academic forgiveness policy is not applicable for admission to the Graduate 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 fully 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 completed all baccalaureate degree requirements with the exceptions of EDSP 4121, EDSP 4134, and EDSP 4144.

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.**