Getting on Track

Dear Students,

The purpose of Teacher Tracks is to guide you in your journey to become a Pre-K - 12th grade public/private school certified teacher in Oklahoma. At least twice per academic year, you will receive Teacher Tracks to provide the basic information you need. In the spring semester, you will be invited to attend Teacher Education Day at TCC held at the SE Campus on March 4, 2015. Here, partner universities will bring their Teacher Education Academic Advisors to help you transition seamlessly to the university of your choice.

If you are approaching graduation, you need to know that transfer universities will require you to take the Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET). Test dates and other important information about preparing for the OGET can be found on page 3.

Another opportunity you have is to join the West Campus Student Oklahoma Education Association. (See page 5.) If you would like to become a member of this group, or if you have questions, please contact Kymberly Daniels, SOEA Advisor, at kymberly.daniels@tulsacc.edu.

Best wishes for a successful semester,

Dr. Peggy Dyer
West Campus Provost
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Early Field Experience in Teaching

All Education majors at Tulsa Community College are now required to take an *Early Field Experience in Teaching* class. Students will be placed in a school setting where they will complete 32 hours interacting, tutoring, mentoring, and helping children with school related learning.

To enroll in the Early Field Experience class, please visit the Child Development Academic Program Office at TCC’s West Campus (Room S-128) to review enrollment requirements for this class. (Student Consent Form & Criminal Background Investigation Clearance)

For more information, please contact the Child Development Academic Program Office at 918-595-8077.
Portfolio Requirements

National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) is the national accrediting body for teacher education programs. It mandates that teacher education programs at 4-year institutions require students to complete a portfolio. Oklahoma has begun implementing the requirement. You can and should begin collecting parts of the portfolio at Tulsa Community College.

Please contact your transfer university to find out more about their portfolio requirements. For your convenience, Teacher Tracks has listed the websites of our partner universities as well as other helpful sites on page 11.

OGET (Oklahoma General Education Test)

The Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET) is designed to assess the state core general education knowledge and skills, including critical thinking, computation, and communication. Generally, OGET is the first test required for admission to a university teacher education program. It is recommended to take the OGET after completing your required General Education courses. Check with your transfer university to learn their specific requirements.

Visit the CEOE website to learn more about testing requirements, test dates, preparation, OGET practice test, registration, etc.

www.ceoe.nesinc.com

The OGET is one of the requirements for full admission to a university Teacher Education program.

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S.P.I.C.E. (Special Pre-service and In-service Courses for Educators) is a series of multi-discipline credit classes designed for teachers who are presently employed in the schools or students who aspire to become teachers. The classes are created to assist educators with new teaching skills and ideas for the classroom or introduce future teachers to important and useful current topics.

S.P.I.C.E. offers unique classes in:

- Art
- Child Development
- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Special Interest Areas

SPECIAL NOTE:
Fall 2014 is the last semester that SPICE classes will be available at TCC.

www.tulsacc.edu/spice
www.facebook.com/spice.tcc
Student Oklahoma Education Association (SOEA) is a pre-professional organization of undergraduate students currently preparing for careers in education. As a member of the student program, students are affiliated with the larger Oklahoma Education Association, an educational professional association representing over 40,000 members in the state. SOEA members are also part of the National Education Association - the largest education association in the nation and a major force in shaping the nation's education agenda. The $30.00 yearly membership includes membership in SOEA, the Oklahoma Education Association, and the National Education Association.

TCC students may join on-line at www.okea.org/oea-student-program. Membership also includes free registration to the Oklahoma Student Education Association and the Oklahoma Education Association state wide meetings. Students who join on-line receive a complimentary one year subscription to Instructor Magazine.

For more information and to become a member, contact TCC SOEA West Campus advisor: Kymberly Daniels (kymberly.daniels@tulsacc.edu).

Teacher Education Day 2015

The 2014-2015 school year will be busy, so plan ahead and mark your calendar for Tulsa Community College’s Teacher Education Day 2015! Teacher Education day will be held at TCC's Southeast Campus on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This informative event provides education majors the opportunity to connect with our partner universities and learn about specific requirements for entering their teacher education programs.
Langston - Tulsa School of Education

MAJORS: Elementary Education & Special Education

The Langston University Education Faculty invites you to visit our new Tulsa campus at 914 N. Greenwood Avenue in Tulsa’s historical Greenwood District. Langston University-Tulsa offers Elementary Education and Special Education programs on the Tulsa campus. LU-Tulsa students who transfer from TCC complete their Bachelor Degree on the Tulsa campus. There is no need to travel across state to complete a Bachelor’s Degree. TCC education students are encouraged to contact Langston-Tulsa advisors during their freshman year to discuss LU’s plan of study and other requirements. Students are encouraged to visit with their advisors each semester. Langston University advisors are full time professors and can be contacted at (918) 877-8155.

Special Education courses are offered on a weekend schedule to allow working students the opportunity to complete their degree in Special Education. Students may take twelve hours of Special Education courses per semester.

- All course work completed in Tulsa
- Weekend Special Education courses
- Individualized attention in all courses and advisement
- Students computer labs
- On-line student access to the library system
- Classes meet only once a week to meet the busy schedules of our students
- School observations and internships are conducted throughout Northeastern Oklahoma

Students majoring in Elementary Education or Special Education can apply for the Urban AG Connections Teaching (U-ACT) Scholarships. The Scholarship Program is a federally funded initiative under the university’s USDA NIFA-grant to promote student excellence and achievement in Education (with interest in Urban Ag. Education and Literacy). For information concerning “The Urban AG Connections Teaching (U-ACT) Scholarship Program”, or other available scholarships, contact Langston University-Tulsa, Teacher Education Administrative Office at (918) 877-8155.

Langston University-Tulsa
914 N. Greenwood Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74106
(918) 877—8100
www.langston.edu/tulsa
Come and be part of the rich history and exciting future of NSU’s teacher preparation program! As Oklahoma’s largest program, we focus on preparing professionals who are teaching scholars, educational leaders, and developers of human potential. Our graduates are committed to excellence in their fields and make a difference in communities, schools, and lives of their students every day.

While at NSU, you will have the opportunity to learn and work in schools starting with your very first class! Our teacher candidates complete field work throughout the program, developing the skills and confidence to design instruction for students from all backgrounds and learning styles.

At our Broken Arrow campus, over 30 resident faculty teach, advise and are available to help you reach your professional goals. Our Smart Choice partnership with TCC allows easy transfer into 12 teaching degrees: early childhood, elementary, special education, secondary English, social studies, math, science, and K-12 physical education, Spanish, Cherokee, art, and music. Come see how you can go farther at NSU!

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- COE Academic Advisors available just for you M-F on Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses.
- Face-to-face, online and blended class formats with day, evening and weekend sections
- State-of-the art Reading and Math Clinics providing community outreach, teaching, and tutoring opportunities
- Partnerships with over 190 area school districts
- Outstanding opportunities for involvement and leadership roles in student professional groups
- Oklahoma Institute for Learning Styles providing individual testing, resources, and counseling to help learners reach their ultimate potential
- Programming that meets state and national accreditation standards

**NEW INITIATIVES**

**Innovative Robotics Curriculum**
Our candidates are immersed in technology-enhanced curriculum. In the teacher preparation process we use robotics to integrate critical thinking in teaching and learning.

**Urban Teachers**
We facilitated an enhanced partnership with Tulsa Public Schools to offer extensive fieldwork and classes with faculty who are experienced in urban settings. Successful candidates are preferred by TPS!

**International Opportunities**
Candidates can complete part of their field experience at an international school in Vienna or Taiwan.

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At ORU, early childhood, elementary, and special education majors have the opportunity to select an additional area of concentration to complete the Dual Certification Program.

**Choices Include:**

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Special Education
- English Language Learner

**Secondary/K-12 Education Majors:**

- Art Education [K-12]
- English Education [9-12]
- Health/Physical Science [K-12]
- Mathematics Education [9-12]
- Modern Foreign Language [K-12]
- Music Education [K-12]
- Science Education [9-12]
- Social Studies Education [9-12]
- Communication Arts Education [9-12]

**Teacher Candidate Leadership Association (TCLA)**

Every Education major at ORU is a member of this professional organization that is designed for those studying to go into the field of Education. Led by a group of students, this organization hosts professional development workshops and other events to encourage the sense of community among those in the College of Education!

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**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Nina Curtis Jack Endowed Scholarship [General Scholarship]
- Ruth L. Lucardi Endowed Scholarship [Special Education Scholarship]
- Dr. John & Radine Frisbie Scholarship [Special Education Scholarship]
- Helen Tyson Ware Scholarship** [Special Education Scholarship]
- Frank & Julianne Yenca Scholarship [General Scholarship]
- Temple Foundation Scholarship [General Scholarship]
- Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship [Teacher Shortage Area]

**Two scholarships are available for incoming new students.**

Once accepted into ORU’s College of Education PEP program, students are eligible for a number of additional scholarships, ranging from $500 to $5,000.

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**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY**

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Any questions, please contact:

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The faculty, staff, and students of Oklahoma State University invite you to consider continuing your education in Tulsa or in Stillwater. Our teacher certification programs offer quality instruction, hands-on experiences, and focused courses to assist you in becoming a highly-qualified, highly sought after educator. Our OSU teacher certification programs offer rich and varied field experiences, course schedules to fit your learning needs, supportive faculty, and opportunities for professional development, leadership, and service.

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<td>(Grades 1-8)</td>
<td>Your degree earned in Tulsa is <em>not</em> from a different institution than that of graduates in Stillwater (STW). Both your transcript and your diploma show that your degree was earned from the prestigious land-grant research institution, <strong>Oklahoma State University</strong>, a university with an excellent reputation for preparing great educators!</td>
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<td>Elementary Education has an excellent <strong>Urban Education</strong> program with Tulsa Public Schools for Elementary (Tulsa or STW), Secondary (STW), and Special Education (Tulsa or STW) majors to which students may apply after they're admitted to OSU if they wish. The website is available at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/c53plet">http://tinyurl.com/c53plet</a> for more information.</td>
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If you are interested in...

- certifying to teach in first through eighth grades
- the opportunity to apply to the **OSU/Tulsa Public Schools Urban Education Institute** through which successful OSU teacher candidates receive priority hiring status with TPS
- working with OSU’s dedicated faculty to serve our respective communities’ children while you are a student and beyond
- the vast instructional resources at the Randall and Carol White Reading and Math Centers in Tulsa and Stillwater
- small classes and a strong Elementary Education community, alongside the resources and student supports that only a major university can offer

...then Elementary Education at OSU is the program for you! Elementary Education is a major in the School of Teaching and Curriculum Leadership (STCL) in the College of Education.

**NOTES:** Access the 2+2 agreement to learn more about course requirements; available from the TCC website at [http://www.tulsacc.edu/resources/articulations/OSU_Articulation_Table_2012.pdf](http://www.tulsacc.edu/resources/articulations/OSU_Articulation_Table_2012.pdf)

To learn more about Elementary Education at OSU, please contact Dr. Toni Ivey at 405-744-9505 or toni.ivey@okstate.edu. Ready to transfer? For the Tulsa campus, please contact Priscilla Boegh or Isaac Hiriart in Academic Advisement at tulsa.advising@okstate.edu or 918-594-8271. For the Stillwater campus, please contact Student Academic Services at 405-744-6350 or educate@okstate.edu.
The University of Oklahoma-Tulsa
Early Childhood Education Program

Interested in a debt-free education from the University of Oklahoma Tulsa campus?

OU-Tulsa offers a loan forgiveness program for students majoring in Early Childhood Education with certification from birth to third grade. The program provides an in-state tuition waiver from the University of Oklahoma for required early childhood education courses taken at OU-Tulsa. The George Kaiser Family Foundation (GKFF) provides a loan forgiveness program that will support both half and full-time study through program completion by paying for the fees and books required for the degree. The program is structured so that each year of full-time work after graduation, in any licensed early childhood facility in Oklahoma, public or private, the loan is reduced by 25%. Therefore, the loan is forgiven in full after four years of teaching. All students who are admitted to the OU-Tulsa early childhood education program are eligible to participate in the loan forgiveness program.

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) Bachelor’s Completion Program at OU-Tulsa can be completed in two years. Full-time students that begin the program in Fall 2015 will finish the program in Spring 2017. The program offers classes that have been organized according to children’s age groups. Nine credit hours are dedicated to infant/toddler course work. We have four full-time ECE faculty members based in Tulsa. All of the courses are offered on the OU-Tulsa campus. Although we are growing and changing, we plan to remain a small program in which students receive individual attention. We use a cohort model where students begin and proceed through the program with the same group of classmates which allows for very strong friendships and support groups to develop. We invite you to join us.

Interested in the history and features of our OU-Tulsa ECE Programs? Starting in the fall of 2006, we initiated a Bachelor’s Completion Program that leads to both the Bachelor’s Degree in Education and Certification as an Early Childhood Educator in the state of Oklahoma. OU-Tulsa’s ECE Program is designed to provide the Junior and Senior level courses and experiences required to complete a Bachelor’s Degree after students successfully complete the initial two years of study at Tulsa Community College or another institution. We also offer a second degree program option for those students who earned a Bachelor’s Degree in the past but now want to change careers to become Early Childhood Educators.

The OU-Tulsa ECE Bachelor’s Degree Completion Program and Second Degree Program have some unique features.

These include:
* Offering the GKFF Loan Forgiveness Program to all students admitted to the ECE program
* Being “Tulsa-based”—all advanced courses and experiences required for the B.S. and state ECE Teacher Certification are offered at OU-Tulsa located at 41st Street and Yale Avenue.
* Building on experiences gained at Tulsa Community College or another institution.
* Focusing on the comprehensive age range of young children birth through age 8.
* Being designed for the working adult, with the vast majority of courses scheduled for evenings and occasional weekends.

In addition to relevant coursework and practical experiences, we get our OU-Tulsa ECE students involved in the community and the profession. Service learning is infused into our program, as is involvement in professional organizations.

We look forward to working with you to support your career goal of becoming an early childhood educator! For more information please contact Roberta Hovis, Academic Advisor for the OU-Tulsa ECE Program. Roberta can help you with admission requirements and details about how to apply. She can be reached at 918-660-3987 or via email at rhovis@ou.edu.
Tulsa Community College is Oklahoma’s largest community college with more students and more degree earners than any other community college in the state. We offer students a choice of 235 associate degree and certificate of completion programs of study. TCC students come from every walk of life, and our graduates work in all sectors of business and industry to help build a stronger, more diverse economy.

Helpful Internet Resources

Certification Exams (OGET & others)  www.ceoe.nesinc.com
Langston University  www.langston.edu
Northeastern State University  www.nsuok.edu
Oklahoma Commission on Teacher Preparation  www.octp.org
Oklahoma Education Association  www.okea.org
Oklahoma State Department for Education  www.sde.state.ok.us
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  www.okhighered.org
Oklahoma State University  www.okstate.edu
Oral Roberts University  www.oru.edu
Special Pre-service and In-service Courses for Educators  www.tulsacc.edu/spice
Tulsa Community College  www.tulsacc.edu
University of Oklahoma  www.ou.edu