

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Master of Education (M.Ed.) Program Leading to Ohio Teacher Licensure Pre-K through Grade 3

The Early Childhood M.Ed. teacher preparation program is offered on all five campuses of The Ohio State University. It is a full-time graduate program that can be completed in five quarters, although the sequence may vary from campus to campus. Most of the professional courses and fieldwork are scheduled during the day and are open only to those students who have been admitted to the program.

The program includes a series of professional courses leading to initial Ohio teacher licensure for pre-kindergarten through third grade. Students engage in a coherent series of courses in child development and learning, teaching methods, technology, diversity, field experiences, a clinical practicum, a research and inquiry component, and a culminating project focused on critical issues in education.

The goal of the program is to prepare dedicated individuals to apply their knowledge and skills of learning theory, problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, and interpersonal communication in the early childhood school setting.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum 3.0 overall GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in all previous undergraduate course work and a minimum 3.0 overall GPA in all previous graduate course work (may not be combined)
- Completion of undergraduate content courses (*include plan for completing any remaining courses, indicating when and where you plan to take each course*)
- Experiences working with children in a learning situation, particularly with children whose backgrounds are different than your own

- Official scores from the General Test of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) taken within five years of application
- TOEFL score, if required for international students (minimum score 550 paper test, 213 computer-based test, or 79 iBT TOEFL)
- Three letters of recommendation (four preferred), from persons acquainted with your academic performance, your experiences with children, and your potential as a teacher. Include at least two letters from professors or instructors who have had you in class. Recommendations written on letterhead stationery should be attached to the Graduate School Reference Form.
- Statement of intent (2-3 page essay, double-spaced) addressing all of the following issues:
 1. What contribution do you want to make as a teacher?
 2. Describe an experience you have had working with children in a teaching and learning situation

and

 3. Analyze what you learned from that experience.
 4. Discuss a current issue in education that is important to you as a future teacher.
- Resume listing academic accomplishments, paid or volunteer experiences working with children, related extracurricular experiences, and honors or awards (limit two pages for fellowship consideration)
- Interview if required by faculty committee

APPLICATION

- Apply online at <http://www.gradapply.osu.edu> (requires online payment of application fee). You may check the status of your application online at <http://www.appstatus.osu.edu>
- Apply by the following dates:

Columbus: November 1 for admission summer
Lima: February 1 for admission summer
Newark: November 15 for admission autumn
Mansfield: February 1 for admission autumn.
Marion: February 1 for admission autumn

Admission is campus specific. Students who wish to change to a different campus must be reconsidered with the pool of applicants for that campus.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Contact the regional campuses for specific information regarding their application procedures, which may vary slightly from campus to campus.

Send the following materials to Graduate Admissions (see the “Application Checklist” for the appropriate address for domestic or international applicants):

- One set of official transcripts of all previous college course work (other than OSU)
- Test scores (General Test of the GRE, TOEFL if required)

For admission to the Columbus campus, send the following materials to School of Teaching & Learning, Graduate Admissions, 227 Arps Hall, 1945 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43210-1172 (addresses for the regional campuses are listed under “Further Information” at the end of this document):

- One set of official transcripts of all previous college course work (other than OSU)
- Three letters of recommendation (four preferred)
- Statement of Intent
- Plan for completing any remaining content courses
- Resume

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all documentation is submitted by the deadline.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- For information regarding **College of Education Scholarships**, visit the Web at <http://education.osu.edu> or contact the Office of Outreach, Engagement, and Student Support, 614-292-2581, 888-678-3382 or email: osueduc@osu.edu. Scholarship applications are available from October-February and the deadline to apply is **February 1**.
- Students who have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.6 or above and score in the 75th percentile on the GRE may be eligible for a **University Fellowship**, which will pay tuition and a stipend for

four full-time quarters. Information regarding this and other fellowships is available on the Web at <http://www.gradsch.ohio-state.edu/>. To be considered for a fellowship, completed admissions applications and all required documentation must be received **prior to January 1 (November 30 for international applicants)**. To be competitive, applicants who wish to be considered for a fellowship should submit three letters of recommendation from professors regarding their academic potential, one letter regarding their potential as teachers, a list of their academic accomplishments, and a resume (limit two pages).

- For information regarding additional financial assistance for minority students, contact the Office of Equity and Diversity, 614-292-1936, or visit the Web at <http://education.osu.edu/oed>.
- For general information, contact the Office of Financial Aid, 614-292-0300 or visit the Web at <http://sfa.osu.edu>.
- For information regarding Teacher Loan Forgiveness, contact Direct Loan Servicing at 800-848-0979 or visit their Web site at <http://www.dl.ed.gov>.

Allow up to 3-4 months to process financial aid applications.

COMPETITIVE ADMISSION

The M.Ed. is a competitive program with limited spaces. **MEETING THE MINIMUM STANDARDS DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION.** Applicants who have completed most or all of the content courses may be given preference for admission. The admissions committee also considers diversity in the range of students related to gender, race/ethnicity, and life experience.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

To remain in good academic standing, graduate students must maintain a minimum 3.0 overall GPA.

OHIO REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVISIONAL LICENSURE

- Completion of undergraduate content courses
- Completion of the approved teacher preparation program
- Signed statement of good moral character as defined by the Ohio Board of Education: “A person shall be deemed to be of good moral character provided that

said individual has not pleaded guilty to or been convicted of a felony”

- Fingerprinting and personal background check
- Passing scores on the PRAXIS II National Teacher Exams

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATION

Certain content courses required to meet State-mandated competencies should be taken at the undergraduate level prior to beginning the M.Ed. program (see the content sheet for Early Childhood). These courses are included in the Early and Middle Childhood Education pre-licensure major on the regional campuses and in the Early Childhood Development and Education major on the Columbus campus (614-292-6612). In addition, students may choose to major in a subject they will teach and minor in Education.

Any substitutions for the content courses require written approval from the School of Teaching and Learning based on faculty review of a course syllabus or detailed course description. Students from other institutions should meet with an academic counselor in the School of Teaching and Learning to determine which content requirements have been met and which courses need to be taken, if any, to meet Ohio licensure requirements.

REGIONAL CAMPUS PREREQUISITES

In addition to the courses listed on the content sheet, students who plan to apply to a regional campus should contact the campus of choice to determine if any other courses should be completed at the undergraduate level prior to beginning the M.Ed. These courses may include Edu P&L 370 and 600 or Ed T&L 674.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Academic counselors are available by appointment on all five campuses to answer your questions about the content courses, the M.Ed. program, and the admissions, fellowship, and scholarship processes. To schedule an appointment on the Columbus campus, call 614-292-2332 (or call toll-free 888-678-3382 and ask to be transferred). Phone appointments, walk-ins, and group information meetings also are available each week. Bring a copy of your transcripts and course descriptions to your appointment.

For information specific to each regional campus, contact the following academic advising offices:

Ohio State Lima
4240 Campus Drive
Lima, Ohio 45804-3596
(419) 995-8286

Ohio State Mansfield
1680 University Drive
Mansfield, Ohio 44906
(419) 755-4011 or

Ohio State Marion
1465 Mt. Vernon Avenue
Marion, Ohio 43302-5695
(740) 389-6786

Ohio State Newark
1179 University Drive
Newark, Ohio 43055
(740) 366-3321

Licensure requirements may be subject to change due to state-legislated mandates. Prospective students are encouraged to contact the School of Teaching and Learning each year to ensure they have the most up-to-date information.