

## MASTER OF ARTS Teaching and Learning

### With a Focus Area in Holistic Education

The Master of Arts program in Teaching and Learning with a focus area in Holistic Education is designed to provide a coherent, interdisciplinary, theory-based course of study for practicing teachers and other professionals. It is intended to assist such professionals in their development of a reflective stance toward their practice, to promote their understanding about a holistic view of education and life itself, and to enhance their comprehension of diversity at individual and society levels. Graduates are encouraged to provide leadership in their fields at local, state, regional, and national levels.

#### 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) — an applicant whose GPA is below the minimum may be considered for conditional admission contingent upon satisfactory performance on the General Test of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
- TOEFL score if required for international students (minimum score 550 paper test, 213 computer-based test, or 79 iBT TOEFL). This requirement applies to an applicant from a country where the native language is not English, unless a bachelor's degree or its equivalent or higher was earned in a country where English is the native language.
- Resume or curriculum vita (two-page limit for fellowship consideration).
- Quality of writing as evidenced in a statement of intent (2-3 pages, typed, double-spaced)—include a rationale for why you should be admitted to the program.

- Three letters of recommendation (four preferred), at least two regarding your academic potential and one regarding your professional potential.

#### 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.apstatus.osu.edu>
- **Domestic applicants** should apply by July 1 for admission Autumn Quarter, October 15 for Winter, February 1 for Spring, or April 1 for Summer—**International applicants** should apply by November 28 for admission the following Autumn.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Students who have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.6 or above and score in the 75<sup>th</sup> 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 28 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 in the field, a list of their academic accomplishments, and a resume (limit two pages).
- For information regarding **College of Education & Human Ecology Scholarships**, visit the Web site at <http://ehe.ohio-state.edu/academics/scholarship.php> Scholarship applications are available from November-January. The priority application deadline is **January 31**.
- 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.***

## **ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

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

## **REQUIRED HOURS**

Students may choose a thesis or a non-thesis option. The thesis option requires a minimum of 45 graduate credit hours and satisfactory completion of a thesis and an oral examination. The non-thesis option requires a minimum of 50 graduate credit hours and satisfactory completion of a pre-approved capstone project.

Students must enroll in 6-credit hours in EDU T&L 893.25 with their advisor or other designated faculty to complete the pre-approved capstone project.

## **TIME LIMIT, GRADUATE NON-DEGREE, AND TRANSFER CREDIT**

All graduate credit hours applied to the M.A. degree, including graduate non-degree and transfer credit, must be completed within six years of the date of graduation. The program may be completed in 4-5 full-time quarters or part-time taking one or two courses per quarter. Students may transfer a maximum of 10 graduate non-degree credit hours into the M.A. program if approved by the faculty adviser and appropriate for the program in place at the time of admission. In addition, graduate credit may be transferred into the program from another institution with approval of the faculty adviser. A minimum of 36 graduate credit hours must be completed at OSU.

## **RESIDENCY**

M.A. students in the School of Teaching and Learning must fulfill a residency requirement by completing a minimum of 12 graduate credit hours within five consecutive quarters.

## **PROGRAM OF STUDY**

Students completing the M.A. degree with a specialization in Holistic Education take required courses and electives in their specialty area, interdisciplinary core courses, and advanced individual studies. Elective courses may be taken across School, College, and University. Faculty advisers provide guidance in planning individualized programs.

## **HOLISTIC EDUCATION FOCUS AREA CORE COURSES (24 hours)**

EDU T&L 925	Philosophical Found of Holistic Edu
EDU T&L 925	Pedagogical Found of Holistic Edu
EDU T&L 925	The Power of Poetry
EDU T&L 925	Language, Thoughts, Realities
EDU T&L 925	Ecopsychology
EDU T&L 925	Transf Pract Edu & Community
EDU T&L 925	Compassionate Teaching
EDU T&L 872	Approaches to Integ Curriculum

## **T&L CORE COURSE (12 hours)**

EDU T&L 8xxx	Assessing Teaching and Learning
EDU T&L 874	Classroom Based Inquiry in ITL <b>(OR)</b>
EDU T&L 842	Resrch in Early, Elem, Middle, Sec Edu
EDU T&L 881	Multicult and Global Persp on T&L
EDU T&L 871	Historic and Contemp Theories in T&L

## **ELECTIVE STRAND (14 hours)**

Electives in Education or other areas of interest such as Drama, Early Childhood, Children's Literature and Multicultural Education are selected in consultation with the faculty adviser. Students may choose from courses such as:

EDU T&L 838	Understanding Learning Styles
EDU T&L 848	Understanding Preschool Play
EDU P&L 705	Education and Spirituality
EDU T&L 777	Tchg & Lrng Soc Stud w/ Imaginat
EDU T&L 925.7	Reggio Emilia's Approach
EDU P&L 702	Trends in Edu Philosophy
EDU T&L 633	Tchg & Lrng with Drama
EDU T&L 644	Dramatizing Texts
EDU T&L 888	Adv Stud Tchg & Lrng w/ Drama
EDU T&L 841	Poetry for Children
EDU T&L 864	Multicultural Lit for Children
EDU T&L 879	Teach for Divers & Social Justice

## **SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS**

Courses chosen to fulfill program requirements must meet the following criteria specified by the School:

- A minimum of 6 graduate credit hours in independent study (893.25) and/or seminar (925.xx), but no more than 15 hours of independent study
- A maximum of 24 graduate credit hours may be graded satisfactory
- At least 18 credit hours must be taken in courses not open to undergraduate students (e.g., 800 and 900 level courses or 700 level courses specifically limited to graduate students)
- A maximum of nine credit hours may be special topics (727.xx)

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Academic advisers are available by appointment in the Office of Academic Services, 227 Arps Hall to answer your questions about the program and the admissions, fellowship, and scholarship processes. Scheduling begins on Wednesday for appointments the following week. Limited walk-ins also are available each week. For assistance, call 614-292-2332 (or call 888-678-3382 tollfree and ask to be transferred).