

DRAMA EDUCATION

Master of Education (M.Ed.) Program

Leading to Initial Teacher Licensure in Drama/Theatre (grades preK-12)

The M.Ed. is a graduate program that may be completed in five full-time quarters if students begin in the Summer or part-time with faculty approval. The program includes professional courses leading to initial Ohio teacher licensure in drama/theatre education (pre-kindergarten through grade 12). Much of the course work and the field experiences are scheduled during the day and are only open to those students who have been admitted to the program. Students engage in a coherent series of interdisciplinary core courses, content-specific courses, seminars, a research and inquiry component, field experiences, an internship, and a culminating project or examination focused on critical issues in education. The University faculty works closely with educators in the Franklin County Schools and other school-based professionals to prepare new teachers.

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 minimum 3.0 overall GPA in all previous graduate course work (*may not be combined*)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA in drama/theatre content courses (*include plan for completing any remaining requirements, indicating when and where you plan to take each course*)
- Experiences working with children and/or adolescents in a learning situation
- Three letters of recommendation (four preferred) from persons acquainted with your academic performance, your experiences with children and/or adolescents, and your potential as a teacher. Recommendations written on letterhead stationery

should be attached to the Graduate School Reference Form

- Resume listing your academic accomplishments, paid or volunteer experiences working with children or adolescents or in theatre, related extracurricular activities, and honors or awards (limit two pages for fellowship)
- Statement of Intent (2-3 pages, double-spaced) addressing all of the following issues:
 1. What contribution do you want to make as a teacher?
 2. What experiences have you had with children and/or adolescents? What did you learn from those experiences?
 3. What current issue in education is important to you as a future teacher? Explain why.
- Interview

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 **December 1** for admission Summer Quarter (students who wish to complete the program in one year must begin Summer Quarter). Applications will be accepted after the deadline if space remains available and/or if applicants wish to be considered for part-time enrollment.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

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 work (other than OSU)
- Test scores if required (e.g., GRE if GPA is below 3.0)

Send the following materials to the School of Teaching & Learning, Graduate Admissions, 227 Arps Hall, 1945 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43210-1172:

- One set of official transcripts of all previous college work (other than OSU)
 - Letters of recommendation
 - 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, 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; the deadline 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 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 their Web site at <http://education.osu.edu/oed>.
- For information regarding **College of Education & Human Ecology Scholarships**, visit the Web site at <http://che.ohio-state.edu/academics/scholarship.php>. Scholarship applications are available from November-January. The priority application deadline is **January 31**.

- For general information, contact the Office of Financial Aid, 614-292-0300, or visit their Web site 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 their 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

Content courses that cover the state-mandated competencies for drama/theatre licensure should be completed at the undergraduate level prior to beginning the M.Ed. program (see the content sheet for Drama Education).

Any substitutions for the content courses require written approval from the School of Teaching and Learning based on faculty review of course syllabi or detailed course descriptions.

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Academic counselors are available by appointment in the **Office of Academic Services, 227 Arps Hall**, to answer questions about the content requirements, the M.Ed. program, and the admissions, fellowship, and scholarship processes. Scheduling begins every Wednesday for appointments for the following week. Walk-ins and group information sessions also are available each week. For assistance, call 614-292-2332 (or call 888-678-3382 toll-free and ask to be transferred). Bring a copy of your transcript(s) and course descriptions to the meeting.

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 that they have the most up-to-date information.