

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

School of Teaching & Learning

Master of Education (M.Ed.)

Master of Education (M.Ed) Leading to Ohio Teacher Licensure Early Childhood Grades pre-K thru 3

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college
- Minimum 3.0 overall GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in all previous undergraduate and graduate coursework (may not be combined since calculated separately) as well as in early childhood content.
- Completion of undergraduate content courses. (Content List can be found on our website: <http://ehe.osu.edu/edtl>). Include the Plan for completing remaining content courses, which is also located online.
- 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 for international students, if required (minimum score 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based, or 79 iBT)
- Statement of Intent: See “Application Checklist” for format and instructions
- Three letters of recommendation from persons acquainted with your academic performance, your experiences with children, and your potential as a teacher. Include at least one letter from a professor or instructor who has had you in class. Recommendations written on letterhead stationery should be attached to the Graduate School Reference Form.
- Resume listing academic accomplishments, paid or volunteer experiences working with children, related extracurricular experiences, honors or awards (limit two pages for fellowship consideration)
- Interview if required by faculty committee

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

The M.Ed. teacher preparation program is a full-time graduate program that begins in the autumn and may be completed in two semesters. The program includes professional courses leading to initial Ohio teacher licensure in Early Childhood (pre-K – 3rd). Much of the coursework and the field experiences are scheduled during the day and are open only 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, a clinical practicum, and a culminating project focused on critical issues in education. The University faculty works closely with the Franklin County school districts and other school-based professionals to prepare new teachers.

DEADLINE FOR ADMISSIONS

- **November 1 for admission Autumn Semester.**
- See the “Application Checklist” for application procedures. Visit <http://ehe.osu.edu/edtl/> to download document
- 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>
- Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all documentation is submitted by the deadline.

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- For information regarding **College of Education and Human Ecology Scholarships**, visit the Web at <http://ehe.osu.edu/academics/scholarships> or contact the scholarship office at (614) 292 – 8225.
- Students who have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.6 or above, score a 75th percentile average between the Verbal and Quantitative sections of the GRE, and score a 4.0 or above in the Writing section of the GRE may be eligible for a **University Fellowship. Award Details:** Instructional and General fees and non-resident tuition authorized. Student health insurance subsidy for One year, nonrenewable. Stipend: 12 consecutive month's tenure (amount to be determined by Graduate School) For more 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, and a resume including academic accomplishments (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://ehe.osu.edu/diversity/>
- For general information, contact the Office of Financial Aid, 614-292-0300 or visit the Web at <http://sfa.osu.edu>. Allow up to 3-4 months to process financial aid applications
- 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>.

OTHER TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAMS

Drama Education	Grades Pre-K – 12
Foreign Language Education	Grades Pre-K – 12
Hearing Impairments	Grades Pre K – 12
Integrated Language Arts	Grades 7-12
Integrated Mathematics	Grades 7-12
Integrated Social Studies	Grades 7-12
Middle Childhood Education	Grades 4-9
Science	Grades 7-12
Technology Education	Grades 4-12
Visual Impairments	Grades Pre K - 12

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 Human Development & Family Sciences major with an Early Childhood focus on the Columbus campus (614-292-7705).

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.

OHIO REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENT EDUCATOR 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

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.

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 to the Office of Academic Services). 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.