Oklahoma State University offers a Doctor of Philosophy in Education degree with an option in Curriculum Studies.

The Ph.D. program prepares students for a variety of professional pursuits: curriculum generalists and specialists, university professors, teacher educators, K-20 curriculum leaders, curriculum designers and evaluators, curriculum materials writers, curriculum coordinators and administrators at various levels as well as educational leaders in social and cultural organizations.

The Curriculum Studies program is recognized as a national center for graduate study, oriented by educating the whole person, restorative social justice, international engagement and teacher leadership. Award winning faculty members are national and international leaders in the field of curriculum studies. The program also offers students opportunity to participate in the OSU Curriculum Studies Project that invites internationally renown scholars on campus to work with students. The program enables students to meet their individual goals by addressing the following:

- What does it mean to educate and to be educated?
- What is the relationship between learning and teaching?
- How do power relationships influence curriculum?
- What are the dynamics of curriculum theory and educational practice?
- What are the meanings of diversity in school and college settings?
- What does it mean to cultivate curriculum dynamics of nonviolence?
COURSE WORK

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN EDUCATION

Students admitted into the Ph.D. degree option in Curriculum Studies are expected to meet all university requirements and the requirements for admission to the PhD in Education. A minimum of 69 credit hours are required.

COURSE OFFERINGS

The Doctor of Philosophy in Education degree consists of:

- 9 hours of common program core
- 12 hours extended inquiry
- 24 hours of specialization of curriculum studies
- 24 hours of specialization for the college teaching emphasis area
- 9 hours cognate area
- 15 hours of independent research

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general requirements for admission to the Oklahoma State University Graduate College, the Doctor of Philosophy in Education requires:

- Successful completion of a master’s degree program in education or a related field
- Minimum 3.5 GPA
- Resume/Vita
- Typewritten statement of goals
- Writing sample (scholarly paper)
- Test score current within the past 5 years of either the GRE (151 verbal; 150 quantitative; & 4.5 analytical expected scores) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT; 400 raw score expected)
- TOEFL or IELTS score (if required)
- 3 professional recommendation letters from those such as academic advisors and former professors who can address applicant’s academic record and potential for doctoral level work

Additional information about degrees and course work may be found at education.okstate.edu/cied/grad.

“My education at OSU prepared me to be able to choose my current path in public education administration, without limiting me to that choice.”

— Janet Cooper Dunlop, Ph.D.
Superintendent, Broken Arrow Public Schools

APPLICATION PROCESS

The deadlines for submitting application materials are:

- Rolling admission until July 1 (Fall admission)
- Rolling admission until December 1 (Spring admission)

Priority deadlines for scholarship applications:

- January 15 (Fall admission)
- September 15 (Spring admission)

Students must complete and submit the following:

1. Graduate College Application
   - Visit app.it.okstate.edu/gradcollege to complete the online application
   - Submit the non-refundable application fee
   - Submit official transcripts from all previously attended institutions

2. Program Application Materials
   - Resume/Vita
   - Goal statement
   - Writing sample
   - GRE or MAT test scores
   - Letters of recommendation
   - TOEFL or IELTS (for international students)

A personal interview may be required as part of the admissions process. Applicants will be notified of admission decisions within six to eight weeks after these deadlines.

International applications, please refer to the Graduate College requirements at gradcollege.okstate.edu/content/application-process-0

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For more information about scholarships, financial aid and application deadlines, visit the Graduate College website at gradcollege.okstate.edu and click on Financing a Graduate Degree. Please note that program admission priority deadlines must be met in order to be considered for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships.

The College of Education, Health & Aviation awards a number of Graduate scholarships each year. For more information, visit education.okstate.edu/scholarships.

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