The Gifted and Talented Education Program in the Oklahoma State University College of Education, Health and Aviation is designed to broaden understandings of giftedness and showcase evidence-based curriculum and instruction. We seek to develop practitioners who have the skills to advocate for the needs of gifted and talented students, and who will place a focus on the development of quality gifted programming. Our graduates go onto successful careers in public and private education as well as district leadership positions.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Flexible and Online**
  - All courses in the program are available online, but students still have the opportunity to take face-to-face courses

- **Cohort Model**
  - The program follows a cohort model allowing students to progress to graduation with an intact support group of peers

- **Distinctive Training**
  - The OSU master’s program in gifted and talented education is the only program of its type offered in Oklahoma
  - Graduates will be equipped to support and challenge gifted and talented learners in a variety of settings
  - Successful completion of the 18-hour core qualifies students to take the Oklahoma Gifted Education Specialist certification exam

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis; however application materials must be received at least six weeks prior to the start of the semester desired to start coursework. An applicant’s file will be reviewed when all materials have been received by the Graduate College and notification of the admission decision will follow prior to the start of the next semester. 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
   • Current vita or resume
   • Goal statement (typewritten, 500 words) consistent with the mission of the degree and program option

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must have:

• Bachelor’s degree in a related field with at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
• Evidence of efficiency in written communication
• Career goals that match the program’s learning objectives
• Test scores are not required for admission

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Gifted Oklahomans (GO) Foundation and Oklahoma Association of the Gifted, Creative and Talented Application is a scholarship for teachers of gifted students to pursue college course work or a master’s degree in the field of gifted education. See the GTED website for details: https://education.okstate.edu/gted.

Currently enrolled graduate students who are pursuing degrees through the OSU College of Education, Health and Aviation are also eligible to apply for EHA scholarships. For more information, please visit: https://education.okstate.edu/scholarships.

CORE CURRICULUM

• GTED 5063: Introduction to Gifted Education
• GTED 5163: Counseling Techniques for Teachers of Gifted Learners
• GTED 5620: Practicum in Education of Exceptional Learners
• GTED 5763: Teaching Techniques and Models for Gifted Education
• GTED 5863: Developing Programs for Gifted Learners
• GTED 5993: Identification and Behavioral Characteristics of Gifted Learners

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