

Oklahoma State University College of Education

Ph.D. in Education

Degree Options: Social Foundations of Education

Application and Admission

Academic standards. Applicants are evaluated on the following standards:

- Successful completion of a rigorous master's degree program.
- Demonstration of superior writing skill.
- Indication of ability to conduct original research.
- Clearly articulated goals and objectives that are consistent with the desired degree option.
- Strong endorsement by professional references.
- Demonstrated knowledge in the field of specialization.
- Appropriate GRE or MAT score.

Leveling work and standards for technological competence. Applicants must have appropriate background experiences for the degree option. Students will be expected to use technology resources appropriately in course projects, assignments, and research. Admissions committees may stipulate that an applicant without a particular background complete additional leveling coursework.

Review process for admission. The Office of the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies manages all processes and records pertinent to admission. The program has an admissions committee that reviews applications two times a year.

Application Procedure

1. Complete the application form online at:
<http://gradcollege.okstate.edu/content/application-process-0>

Or by contacting the Graduate College office at (405) 744-6368.

The proposed major is Education; the degree sought is Ph.D.; and the specialization within major is Social Foundations of Education.

2. Upload all official transcripts from all institutions of higher education. (Note: A minimum grade point average in graduate coursework of 3.50 on a 4.00 scale is required.)

If you are having difficulty submitting any of the following items (#3-7) to the online application process, please email DIRECTLY to the College of Education Graduate Records Office, coe.grad.studies@okstate.edu, 325V Willard Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078, (405) 744-9483.

3. Submit either a GRE or MAT score current within the past five years. (Note: For the GRE, a score of 151 verbal and 150 quantitative is expected and 4.5 on the analytical scale. For the MAT, a raw score of 400 is expected.)

Information about the GRE can be found at www.gre.org. Copies of the Bulletin of Information and List of Testing Centers with 100 practice items for the MAT are available from the OSU University Testing and Evaluation Center. The GRE and MAT are given at OSU, Stillwater, University Testing and Evaluation Service, 107 UAT Building, 1524 W. Admiral Avenue, (405) 744-5958; at OSU Tulsa, the MAT is administered at the Student Success Center, North Hall, (918) 594-8404 and the GRE at Sylvan Learning Center, (918) 249-0820. Scores are automatically sent to the Graduate College when the institution code of 6546 is used and forwarded to the College of Education when the department code is given as 3101 or marked for education.

4. Submit three professional recommendations from the major advisor and faculty for any graduate work completed. These references should include statements relating to
 - a) the applicant's success in professional settings or commitment to professionals allied with the disciplines in the College of Education,
 - b) the applicant's prior academic record as a reflection of ability to succeed in a doctoral program, and
 - c) the applicant's potential for success in research, writing, and coursework at the doctoral level.

Additional letters may be submitted from faculty members familiar with the applicant's academic career or from professionals capable of addressing the applicant's ability to successfully complete a doctoral program.

5. Submit a current and complete resume/curriculum vita.
6. Submit a two-page statement clearly articulating how the Social Foundations Ph.D. program will contribute to your future goals. The statement should include an explanation of your goals and expectations for doctoral study and how prior academic and professional experiences have prepared you for your chosen area of study.
7. Submit an academic or scholarly paper you have written recently.

Application Deadlines:

Rolling admission until **July 1** for Fall admission
Rolling admission until **December 1** for Spring admission
Priority deadlines for scholarship applications:

January 15 for Fall admission

September 15 for Spring admission

For international applicants, see the Graduate College requirement at:
<http://gradcollege.okstate.edu/content/application-process-0>

NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Admission Decisions

Within four weeks of the application deadline, candidates will be notified via a letter about admission status. **Admission decisions are based on appropriate academic, scholarly and research alliances among the student, the faculty and the focus of the Ph.D. program in Education.** Available resources and current enrollment within the program play a significant role in the admission decision. The graduate faculty in the program of Social Foundations will determine the number of students that may be admitted at any given time. In order to ensure appropriate mentoring and guidance to Ph.D. students, each faculty member should have no more than five or six active Ph.D. advisees at any one time.

Request for additional information. If the admissions committee determines that additional information is needed before a final decision is rendered regarding admission status, the committee may request a phone, skype, or on-campus interview with members of the admissions committee. If an interview is required, you will be contacted and arrangements will be made.

Standards for provisional admission. Provisional admission may be recommended for an applicant who shows excellent promise but does not meet all of the standards listed above. In order to be granted unqualified admission, applicants admitted on a provisional basis must, within one calendar year, earn a minimum GPA of 3.5 in nine hours of doctoral coursework designated by the admissions committee.

Leveling courses. For students with limited or no academic background in education, 1 to 2 leveling coursework may be required. **Those course hours do not count towards the 69 coursework hours required for the degree.** The admission committee determines such prerequisite considerations. Specific graduate courses that *may be required* as leveling course include:

SCFD 5223: Role of Teachers in American Schools
SCFD 5873 Culture, Society, and Education
SCFD 5923 Popular Culture and Education
SCFD 5990 Problems and Issues in Social Foundations
SCFD 5998 Urban Education