BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Option in English
- Option in Foreign Language
- Option in Social Studies

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Secondary or K-12 Education degree is designed to prepare teacher candidates who are life-long learners, emerging professionals, and subject matter specialists with strong liberal arts backgrounds. Each secondary/K-12 degree and certification program includes general education courses, extensive specialization course work in the discipline area, and professional education courses accompanied by school-based field experiences.

Tulsa area students have an opportunity to participate in the Urban Education Program, a cooperative effort between OSU and Tulsa Public Schools. Degree options leading to certification for teaching grades 6-12 are English, mathematics, science, and social studies. The foreign language option leads to certification in grades K-12. Secondary or K-12 certification (with degrees from the College of Arts and Sciences) are available in art, English, foreign language and social studies.

Students complete a Professional Portfolio with three separate submissions. Oklahoma certification also mandates the Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Educators. Teaching certification in secondary mathematics or science may be earned through the OSUTeach program with degrees housed in the College of Arts and Sciences.

OSUTeach

The OSUTeach program is designed to recruit and train new secondary teachers in science and mathematics. OSUTeach offers four-year STEM degree options in biological science, chemistry, geology, mathematics, and physics, which lead to teacher certification at the secondary level. OSUTeach is a collaboration between the College of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences. OSUTeach students begin supervised teaching in K-12 classrooms during their first semester in the program and continue these field experiences throughout their coursework, which culminates with apprentice teaching.

NATIONAL JOB OUTLOOK & WAGES

Employment of high school teachers is projected to grow 6 percent from 2012 to 2022.

Median wages (2014) - $56,310 annual

OKLAHOMA WAGES

Median wages (2014) - $42,500 annual

First year teachers in the public schools of Oklahoma shall receive in salary and/or fringe benefits not less than the amount of $31,600. When determining minimum salary, “fringe benefits” shall mean only the employee’s share of retirement, if paid by the district.

OSU POST-GRADUATION SURVEY

Find out where OSU students go after graduation and how much they earn at www.hireosugrads.com (choose Salaries on the menu).
NATIONAL / PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Education Association nea.org
Oklahoma Education Association (affiliate of NEA) okea.org
Professional Oklahoma Educators professionaloklahomaeducators.org
National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) ncte.org
National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) ncss.org
Oklahoma Foreign Language Teachers’ Association oflta.org

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

College of Education Student Council
College of Education Student Ambassadors
Kappa Kappa Iota
Student Oklahoma Education Association

For more information about student organizations visit campuslink.okstate.edu

Similar Occupations

Career and Technical Education Teachers
Childcare Workers
Elementary, Middle, and High School Principals
Instructional Coordinators
Kindergarten and Elementary School Teachers
Librarians
Middle School Teachers
Postsecondary Teachers
Preschool Teachers
School and Career Counselors
Social Workers
Special Education Teachers
Teacher Assistants

International Student Teaching

Students may perform their clinical internship (student teaching) abroad in either Costa Rica or England. This program has been offered for several years. To learn more about the program go to http://education.okstate.edu/is/abroad.

Urban Teaching Program

OSU and TPS (Tulsa Public Schools) have formed a partnership to prepare teachers for the urban classroom. Students complete field experiences in TPS partner schools and participate in TPS professional development alongside TPS teachers, then student teach in the TPS school district. Successful program graduates will be given priority-hiring status. For more information on the application process go to http://education.okstate.edu/peu/tps.

Master of Science in Special Education

Secondary Education students have the option to pursue a master’s degree in Special Education through an accelerated program, allowing them to obtain a bachelor’s and master’s degree in five years. The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) nationally recognized master’s degree in Teaching, Learning, and Leadership is designed to prepare educators to work effectively with children and youth with mild to moderate disabilities. The master’s program provides students with a structured capstone experience to apply special education knowledge in a research or classroom setting. The program encompasses two primary pathways: Advanced Educator and Initial Certification. Classes are scheduled during evenings and weekends, and can be taken on a part-time or full-time basis. Classes include both classroom interaction and on-line learning. To be eligible for state certification students must pass Teacher Certification Examinations.

Program of Accreditation

The Secondary Education program is nationally approved by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.