

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION IN Early Childhood Education



Oklahoma is a national leader in early childhood education, and OU-Tulsa is committed to improving services for young children and their families across our community through our Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Education degree completion program. **This degree program provides junior and senior level courses needed to complete a bachelor's degree after students finish their initial two years of study** with our program partner, Tulsa Community College, or at another university.

The OU-Tulsa ECE program offers several unique features, including

- The program can be completed in five semesters, including a summer semester.
- Students begin the program in the fall semester and complete the program, including student teaching, in the second spring semester.
- The program focuses on a comprehensive range of young children from birth through age 8, with nine credit hours dedicated to infant/toddler course work.
- The program is designed for working adults, with most courses scheduled for evenings or occasional weekend classes on the OU-Tulsa campus.
- ECE students can complete at least one field experience with the following age groups: infants/toddlers, preschoolers, and primary grade-level children.



GEORGE KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

All students who are admitted to the OU-Tulsa Early Childhood Education program are eligible to apply for the George Kaiser Foundation Loan Forgiveness Program. The program provides an in-state tuition waiver from the University of Oklahoma for required early childhood education courses taken at OU-Tulsa. The GKFF Loan Forgiveness Program allows students the choice between two options.

OPTION ONE

Full 100% loan forgiveness is available to students who choose to teach

- children from birth through age 4
- in licensed nonprofit agency settings such as Head Start and Tulsa Educare (excluding public school settings)
- within Tulsa county

Students receive 25% loan forgiveness per year for 4 consecutive years of employment (12 consecutive months per year) post graduation. Contact us for a list of qualified work settings.

Those not eligible for 100% loan forgiveness may be eligible for the Inspire to Teach Employment Incentive Program, which offers a scholarship and yearly stipend for 5 years of qualified employment.



OPTION TWO

Partial 20% loan forgiveness is available to students who choose to teach

- children from birth through grade 3
- in public or private school systems or for profit, non-subsidized agencies/schools
- within Tulsa county

Students receive 5% loan forgiveness per year for up to 4 consecutive years of employment (12 consecutive months per year) post graduation.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Contact Jennifer Lawson-Newby at jnewby@ou.edu by the spring prior to starting the program in the fall.

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