

College Profile

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GOALS:

- Involve students in transformative learning experiences related to discipline knowledge, research, creative, scholarly activities, leadership, service learning, civic engagement, global and cultural competencies, and health and wellness.
- Develop partnerships, collaborations and other opportunities to meet identified and unmet community needs.
- Enhance programs that serve identified needs in the Metropolitan Oklahoma City communities.
- Develop delivery models that maximize access to various student populations.

STUDENTS:

Student Enrollment for Fall 2016: 4,531 declared majors (3,558 undergraduate / 973 graduate); 74% female / 26% male; average age is 27; 40% minority students including 71 international students / 94% in-state residents.

FACULTY:

Faculty for Fall 2017: 100 full-time faculty (89% hold doctoral degrees); education faculty average over 15 years of public school teaching experience; 83% of graduate courses and 62% of undergraduate courses are taught by full-time faculty.

EDUCATOR PREPARATION:

Oklahoma's original teacher preparation program has been accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) since 1954. It is one of the largest programs in Oklahoma having prepared more than 50,000 teachers. There are 27 initial and advanced programs in 25 certification areas. Its Urban Teacher Preparation Academy (UTPA) prepares teachers for urban schools, particularly in Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS).

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AREAS:

Art, Dance, Early Childhood (initial and advanced), Educational Leadership (advanced), Elementary Education (initial and advanced), Elementary Math Specialist (advanced), English, English as a Second Language (advanced), Gifted Education Specialist (advanced), History, Modern Languages, Library Media Specialist (advanced), Mathematics, Instrumental and Vocal Music, Physical Education, Reading Specialist (advanced), School Counselor (advanced), School Psychology (advanced), Science, Special Education-Mild/Moderate and Severe/Profound, Speech-Language Pathology and Theater. Additionally, there is an alternative certification support route in Secondary and Special Education (advanced).

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMS:

Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Management, Kinesiology, Psychology, Industrial Safety, Family Life Education, Fashion Marketing, Adult and Higher Education, Organizational Leadership, Wellness Management, Athletic Training, Community Public Health and others.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:

Many area schools, agencies and partnership organizations collaborate to provide clinical experiences for students in various programs within the college.

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ACCREDITATIONS:

Accreditation in higher education is a voluntary, non-governmental peer-review process that works to ensure academic quality, institutional accountability, and improvement in student learning. For a list of specialized accreditations held by the College of Education and Professional Studies at the University of Central Oklahoma, visit uco.edu/ceps/dept.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

- Up-to-date information about the quality of the UCO teacher education programs in the areas of admission, selectivity, and program completers/graduates is available at uco.edu/ceps/tes/data.
- For accountability information about any of our professional studies programs, we invite you to reach out the department (below). They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

DEPARTMENTS:

Adult Education and Safety Science (Career Tech and Workforce Development [Trade and Industrial, and Family and Consumer Sciences], General Studies, Organizational Leadership, Industrial Safety, and Adult and Higher Education)	405-974-5741
Curriculum and Instruction (Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education and Bilingual/TESL Education)	405-974-5721
Donna Nigh Department of Advanced Professional and Special Services (Educational Leadership, Guidance and Counseling, Library Media Education, Reading, Special Education and Speech-Language Pathology)	405-974-5437
Human Environmental Sciences (Family Life Education, Family and Child Studies Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Management and Fashion Marketing)	405-974-5551
Kinesiology and Health Studies (Physical Education/ Health, Kinesiology, Wellness Management, Community/Public Health and Athletic Training)	405-974-5230
Psychology (Counseling, School, Experimental, Forensic and General)	405-974-5707
Educational Science, Foundations and Research (Master's in Secondary Education)	405-974-5431

Secondary education programs are housed in respective departments in colleges across campus.

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