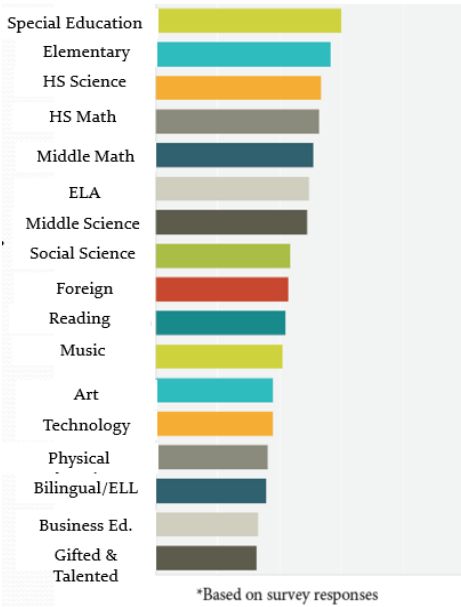


Regarding Supply and Demand for Oklahoma Teachers

Recent surveys reveal ongoing teacher shortages in the state of Oklahoma. The 2014 Oklahoma State School Board Association (OSSBA) survey of superintendents showed a statewide shortage of approximately 800 teachers, with Special Education, Elementary, Science and Mathematics being the top four areas of shortage. (See chart at left.)



The UCO College of Education and Professional Studies (CEPS) is working to meet the needs of Oklahoma’s schools by preparing reflective, responsive and resourceful educators at all levels through a variety of initiatives and programs.

Students interested in exploring career options in education are encouraged to visit the UCO College of Education website at www.uco.edu/ceps for more information on our programs of study.

There are a number of scholarship opportunities available for UCO education majors, including support in applying for the federal TEACH grant. The TEACH grant provides \$4,000/year in exchange for an agreement to teach in a high-need area for at least 4 years upon completion of degree. *See the chart below for the most recent Oklahoma high need areas, as identified by the U.S. Department of Education.*

For more information on the TEACH Grant:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/teach>.

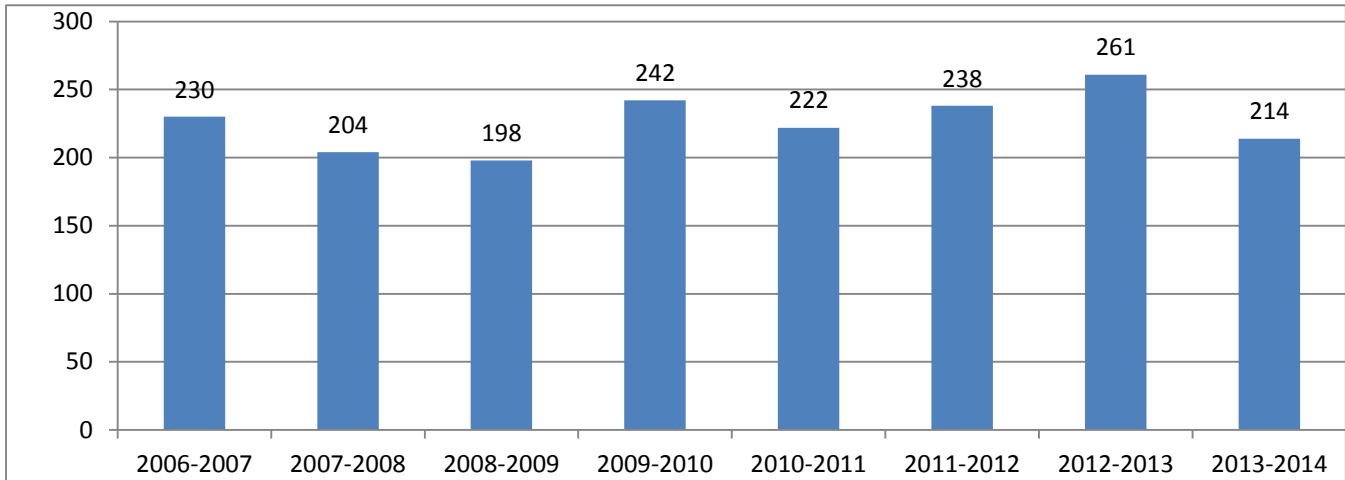
Source: OSSBA, 8/14

Longitudinal data from the U.S. Department of Education designates the following areas as high need in Oklahoma:

2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Early Childhood	Business	Early Childhood Education	Business
Mathematics	Elementary Education	Elementary Education	Early Childhood Education
Music	English	English	Elementary Education
Science	Foreign Language	Foreign Languages	English
Social Studies	Mathematics	Mathematics	Foreign Languages
	Music	Science	Mathematics
	Science	School Counselor	Physical Education/Health
	School Counselor	School Psychologist	Science
	School Psychologist	Social Studies	School Counselor
	Special Education	Special Education	School Psychologist
			Social Studies
			Special Education

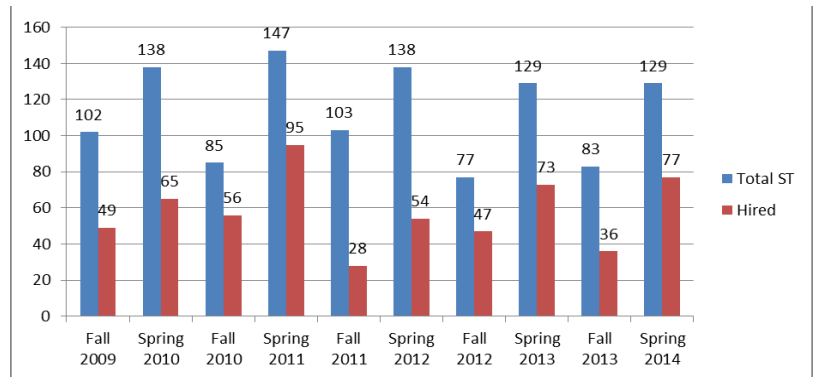
Source: U.S. Department of Education, 3/14

CEPS supply of teacher candidates has been relatively consistent since 2006, but demand for teachers has risen steadily. This has resulted in UCO graduates being in high demand across the metro area.



UCO Teacher Education Program Completers 2006-2014

A significant number of UCO graduates report employment as a teacher **ON OR BEFORE** the date of their graduation. We believe this speaks to the high quality of UCO teacher candidates.



Self-Report of Teaching Employment by Graduation Day FA 09-SP14

UCO prepares teacher candidates in a broad range of subject areas as indicated in this chart.

