Effective for Fall 2019 PhD Admissions

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Department of Teacher Education
Ohio University
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Teacher Education PhD Program

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES

Curriculum and Instruction (PH6269)
(with Specializations in Reading Education, Special Education,
Elementary/Early Childhood Education, Middle Grades Education, Social
Justice Education, Teacher Preparation)

Mathematics Education (PH6245)
Science Education (PH6856)
Social Studies Education (PH6224)

PHD APPLICATION DEADLINES

Priority Funding Deadline: March 1, 2019
General Deadline: April 15, 2019

For Fall 2019 admission, the Department of Teacher Education gives priority acceptance and funding consideration to applications completed by March 1. Applications completed after March 1 will be considered but applications will not be eligible for department funding (though other types financial support may be available). Prospective students applying after April 15 will only be considered for Fall 2019 admission on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the Graduate Program Coordinator to discuss your application if it will be submitted after April 15. All international applicants should contact the Graduate Program Coordinator (regardless of application submission date) to ensure they are submitting the correct required application documents. We strongly suggest international applicants submit by the March 1 deadline (even if not seeking departmental funding) to ensure adequate time to process and review materials. If you are interested in Spring 2019 admission, please contact the Graduate Program Coordinator.

PHD APPLICATION MATERIALS

All application materials are submitted to the Graduate College via the online system here. In the online application, you may suggest faculty members who you would like to serve as your advisor, but this is not required. If admission is offered, the Graduate Program Coordinator will work with you to select an appropriate advisor whose interests align with yours. After the Graduate College has reviewed your materials, they are made available to the department for review. The combined Graduate College and departmental review of your application can take 6-8 weeks. The following materials are required of all applicants:

- Current curriculum vita/resume.
  At least two pages and not to exceed four pages.
• **Unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts.**
  Applicants should submit unofficial transcripts from all institutions attended as part of the online application. If you have attended Ohio University, the Graduate College will add those transcripts in the system for you. Please note that a master’s degree from a regionally accredited institution or equivalent is required. Official transcripts are not required during the review process and will only be required for applicants who are offered admission. Applicants should not mail official transcripts until offered admission.

• **Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores.**
  The General GRE (verbal and quantitative) is offered by computer only. The test may be taken at the Educational Testing Center on the Athens campus. The Computer-Based Test (CBT) may be scheduled by calling 1-800-GRE-CALL or through the GRE website. The GRE information bulletin also includes phone numbers for specific test centers. Official test scores must be reported directly to Ohio University using the institution code 1593. Scores over seven years old will not be accepted for admission. Scores not meeting cut-off scores will not be accepted for admission.

• **Three letters of recommendation.**
  The applicant should not upload recommendation letters to the online system. Your letter writers should upload their letters directly to the online system. In completing the online application, you will identify your letter writers and provide their email addresses. Your letter writers will receive an email from the Graduate College asking them to complete the form online. Choose recommenders who know your academic work well and can speak to your capacity to engage in graduate level study, to perform well in courses requiring high levels of reading and writing, to work as a classroom teacher or teacher leader, and to be successful in a graduate program. At least one letter should address the applicant’s teaching and at least one should address the capacity for engaging in graduate level study. Do not solicit “character references” from friends, family, or people you know socially. Recommendation letters should come from both college professors and employers or professional colleagues.

• **Goal statement.**
  The goal statement should explain why you are interested in pursuing a doctoral degree in your chosen program at Ohio University and how it will serve your future career goals. In doing so you will likely reference educational experiences, professional work experiences, and leadership experiences. You might also identify an educational problem or concern that drives you to pursue a doctoral degree. Because the PhD is a research degree, you might identify a potential topic (or topics) as research interests, but you are not expected to have a fully developed research agenda. The statement is not to exceed two double-spaced typewritten pages. Please contact the Graduate Program Coordinator if you have questions about the goal statement.

• **Academic writing sample.**
Submit a piece of academic writing that demonstrates both your technical writing skills and your ability to make logical claims and support them with evidence and references. Your writing sample could be a published paper, a paper submitted for a course, a master’s project thesis, or you may wish to construct a new paper. The Graduate Program Coordinator can offer assistance in choosing an appropriate sample and, if you do not have an appropriate sample available, can provide a writing prompt to which you may respond.

- ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS
In addition to the items listed above that are required for all applicants, the following additional materials are required for international applicants or applicants whose first language is not English. These additional items are required even if an international applicant has previously attended a U.S. institution or has (or will have) a master’s degree from an accredited U.S. institution. All materials, including the resume/CV, goal statement, and academic writing sample must be submitted in English. Letters of recommendation may be submitted in English or in the native language if accompanied by a certified translation. Because of the added time needed for international students to secure travel and financial documentation after they have been admitted, we encourage international applicants to submit all application materials at least 6 months prior to the semester they plan to begin coursework. The Graduate Program Coordinator welcomes the opportunity to help international applicants ensure their applications are complete and correctly submitted. Please contact Graduate Program Coordinator with any questions about your application materials.

- Proof of English Proficiency
Non-native speakers of English must submit official results of one of two standardized tests: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). This is required even if the applicant has previously attended a U.S. institution or has (or will have) a master’s degree from an accredited U.S. institution. Certification of completion of another institution’s English Language Program will not be accepted. Official TOEFL or IELTS scores must be reported directly from the testing agency to Ohio University. (For TOEFL use institution code 1593). Information on test centers may be obtained by calling 609-771-7500 or visit their website. Photocopies and/or faxes of English proficiency scores are not accepted. Ohio University can no longer issue an I-20 to a student with the provision to test upon arrival. Please take note of the Graduate College requirements here. The department of Teacher Education will accept scores more than five years old. The Department of Teacher Education will NOT waive the English proficiency requirements outlined below under any circumstances:

Unconditional Admission WITH Eligibility for Funding
o **TOEFL iBT** – 80 Composite, all Section Scores = 17

o **IELTS** – 6.5 Composite, all Bands 6.5

### Unconditional Admission WITHOUT Funding Eligibility

- **iBT** – 70 Composite, Writing 17, all other Section Scores of 15
- **IELTS** – 6.0 Composite, all Bands 6.0

➢ **Note about Ohio K-12 Teacher Licensure**

International students who wish to become licensed as public school teachers by the Ohio Department of Education will be required to meet the same requirements as all other students: admission to Professional Education, successful completion of a graduate program, coursework, professional internship, successful completion of the Ohio Assessment for Educators.

➢ **After Admission, submit the following items to the Graduate College:**

1. **Certified official transcripts** from all institutions of higher learning showing the award of a Bachelor’s degree and the award (or expected award of) a Master’s degree. For more information about submitting academic documents click here.

2. **Proof of Financial Responsibility** – Complete the form available here. This form must be received by the Graduate College before the I-20 visa. More information about is available here.

Documents that cannot be submitted through the application system should be sent to the Graduate College at:

Graduate College
1 Ohio University
220 Research & Technology Center
Athens, OH 45701 USA

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**PHD ADMISSION CRITERIA**

For nondegree admission criteria, contact the [Office of Student Services](mailto:OfficeofStudentServices), 103 McCracken at 740.593.440 or [education@ohio.edu](mailto:education@ohio.edu). All applications will be reviewed holistically, however, prospective PhD students generally expected to have:

a) Master’s degree from a regionally accredited institution or equivalent.

b) Master’s grade point average of at least 3.40 (4.00 point scale)

c) Score of at least 300 (verbal and quantitative combined) on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

d) Experience relevant to the individual’s doctoral program or specialization area (elementary/early childhood education, mathematics education, middle grades education, reading education, science education, special education, social justice education, social studies education, teacher preparation). This might include PK-12 or post-secondary teaching experience, advanced content preparation, inservice
professional development or professional development leadership experience, curriculum/standards development and design, etc.

**RELATED WEBSITES**

- International Faculty and Student Services
- Ohio Program of Intensive English
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- Graduate College
- Financial Aid Office
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

**FUNDING and FINANCIAL AID**

- Departmental Graduate Assistantship – Information is available [here](#).
- Information about other scholarship, assistantship, and financial aid information is available [here](#).
- Information on residence life positions may be obtained by contacting the [Residence Life Office](#).
- Information on student loans and other types of financial aid is available from the [Financial Aid Office](#).