OHIO UNIVERSITY
4th/5th Generalist Endorsement Program

INTRODUCTION
The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) created the 4th & 5th Grade Early Childhood Generalist Endorsement to prepare current teachers with an Early Childhood License (age 3 through 3rd grade) to work with students at the 4th and 5th grade level. The program emphasizes Ohio Academic Content Standards for grades 4 & 5, pedagogy and methods appropriate for 4th and 5th grade students, and a deep understanding of topics related to child development and learning. Students who currently hold the Early Childhood Generalist License expand their teaching horizons and enhance their employability while schools profit from greater flexibility in teacher assignments. Teachers with the endorsement benefit from a highly competitive edge in the educational job market.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The program includes four courses totaling 10 semester hours of graduate-level credit. All courses are completely online, and they are broken into 7 week sessions. We do not accept any transfer credits. When you enroll, you must complete all 4 courses within the endorsement program at Ohio University. You will take the first two courses the first seven weeks of the summer term and the remaining two courses the second half of the summer term as follows:

PROGRAM COURSES
EDEL 5150 Teaching Reading and Language Arts to Fourth and Fifth Graders (4 credit hours)

EDEL 5560 Teaching Social Studies to Fourth and Fifth Graders (2 credit hours)

EDEL 5370 Teaching Mathematics to Fourth and Fifth Graders (2 credit hours)

EDEL 5480 Teaching Science to Fourth and Fifth Graders (2 credit hours)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Our next cohort is scheduled to begin in May during our Summer term. Applications will be available online beginning in January. The deadline for applying for the Summer cohort is April 21.

You must complete the online application on our website. You will also need to submit official transcripts from any previous institutions to: Graduate College, Ohio University, 220 Research & Technology Center Athens, OH 45701. You do NOT need to provide letters of recommendation.

WHO CAN TAKE THESE COURSES
Only currently licensed teachers or undergraduates who graduate in spring and are expecting to receive licensure over the summer are eligible for this program per Ohio Department of Education regulations. Because courses are offered at the graduate level, they may be used to renew your teaching license. Unfortunately, this endorsement is not part of the senior to graduate students program. You must have at least a 2.9 Undergraduate GPA to be accepted. In order to be recommended for the Endorsement, you must also complete all courses with a 2.75 cumulative GPA and pass the Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) Elementary Education Exam 018/019 with a score 220 on each section. The PRAXIS is no longer accepted.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID
Please visit the Office of the Bursar 2016-2017 Tuition Schedule (select Off Campus Graduate Programs) for current tuition and fees. Ohio University Faculty and Staff should contact us before registering. Ohio University Faculty and Staff should contact us before registering. As a non-degree graduate student working toward teacher certification, financial aid is limited to undergraduate Direct Loans that require a minimum of six credit hours. Students who have reached the maximum aggregate loan borrowing limit in the Direct Loan Program ($57,500 as Independent, $31,000 as Dependent) may seek a private alternative loan as a resource. Students planning to enroll in courses for Summer Semester 2016 will need to complete the 2016-2017 FAFSA application. The Ohio University school code is 003100. For further questions about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and Direct Loans, please e-mail: financial.aid.elearn@ohio.edu.

For complete program information or to learn more about other online endorsement programs please visit the Patton College website. If you have questions about eligibility, please contact the Patton College at: 4-5endorsement@ohio.edu.