

Tulsa Community College to Northeastern State University
SMART CHOICE – BROKEN ARROW
Associate in Arts in Early Childhood
Bachelor of Science in Education – Early Childhood Major

Major FAQs

The **Early Childhood Education major** prepares teacher candidates to become early childhood teachers for grades PK-3 and meets all of the requirements leading to an Oklahoma Early Childhood Education certificate. The program offers balanced curricula and incorporates practical applications of research-based teaching and learning concepts. Beginning with their first education class, teacher candidates participate in extensive field experiences in a variety of school settings which prepares them to work with children from all backgrounds and abilities. NSU's program is state approved and nationally accredited.

Major guidelines / regulations: Early Childhood Education majors completing NSU's program meet state certification and licensure requirements as they progress through program. These include:

- **Foreign Language Competency:** All teacher candidates must demonstrate proficiency at the high novice level in a language other than English. Your advisor can recommend a class to satisfy this state requirement
- **PSY 1113:** All candidates are required to take PSY 1113.
- **Portfolio:** All students pursuing teacher certification are required to develop a portfolio which documents their accomplishments, learning, and strengths related to the competencies, standards, and outcomes established by the Oklahoma Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and the Oklahoma State Department of Education.
- **Certification Testing:** At intervals within the program, teacher candidates complete portions of the certification test. For admission to teacher education, students must pass the Oklahoma General Education Test (OGET). Teacher candidates must also pass an Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT: Early Childhood Education) before their full internship. Successful completion of the Oklahoma Professional Teaching Examination (OPTE) is encouraged, but is not required for continued participation in our Teacher Education Program.
- **GPA / Course Grades:** Education majors must complete all early childhood and education courses with a C or better. In addition, students must maintain a 2.75 overall GPA and a 2.75 in all early childhood courses and in all education courses.

What it takes to complete a bachelor's degree from NSU. If you don't complete your AA at TCC, you will need to meet NSU's specific general education requirements. You must have at least 124 hours completed to earn a bachelor's degree. Of those hours, 60 must be from a university (4 year school), 40 must be junior and senior (3000/4000) level, and half of the hours in your major must be from NSU. You must also be both English and computer proficient. This means that you must pass English Composition I & II with a "C" or better and demonstrate computer proficiency (high school or college course work / test). Therefore, when you transfer to NSU, you will likely need to complete around 64 more hours in order to earn your bachelor's degree.

GENERAL FAQs

Transferring to NSU is a seamless process. Although you can transfer to NSU at any time in your academic career, the smoothest transition occurs if you have earned or will earn an AA or AS from TCC. This milestone will also meet your general education requirements at NSU (unless it is a specific NSU requirement for you to graduate).

How do my Tulsa Community Colleges classes transfer to NSU? Every class you take at TCC will transfer to NSU. Each class counts in one of the following categories that make up a bachelor's degree: general education, major, minor, or free elective. Minors (18 hours) are a coherent set of courses in a discipline or interdisciplinary grouping other than a student's degree program. **Education programs do NOT require minors.** Free electives can be selected from any academic area. They allow you to explore academic interests outside of your major while counting toward the 124 hours you need to graduate. If you completed a class at TCC that does not meet one of the other specific requirements, it will count as a free elective, up to the first 64 hours. If you complete more than 64 hours at the associate degree level, all courses will transfer to NSU, but only the first 64 hours will apply to your degree. You must have 60 hours from a four-year institution to meet state requirements for graduation with a baccalaureate degree.

When can you start taking NSU classes? You can begin taking classes at NSU while you are completing your AA or AS at TCC. This is called dual enrollment; many students do this each semester. Consult an NSU academic advisor and a financial aid counselor to see how dual enrollment can work for you.

NOTE: For admission to College of Education, students must have completed (45) credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.75 for early childhood majors. Students failing to meet these admission requirements will be limited in the education classes they may take until all requirements are completed. Students in all education programs must read and sign the College of Education Statement of Understanding. This will be accomplished with advisement from your NSU advisor.

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Freshman Year at TCC

| Fall Semester | Spring Semester |
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| ENGL 1113 Freshman Composition I (4x12) | ENGL 1213 Freshman Composition II (4x12) |
| POLS 1113 American Federal Government (4x12) | HIST 1483 or HIST 1493 US History (4x12) |
| Humanities 3 hours | PHSC 1114 General Physical Science (4x12) |
| CHLD 2003- Lifespan Development | SPCH 1113 - Speech Communication I (4x12) |
| MATH 1513 College Algebra OR MATH 1473 - Mathematics for Critical Thinking (4x12) | CHLD 2103- Child Guidance |
| Total Hours Per Semester 15 | Total Hours Per Semester 16 |

Sophomore Year at TCC - NSU (possible dual enrollment)

| Fall Semester | Spring Semester |
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| ENGL 2413 – Introduction to Literature (4x12) | PSYC 1113 - Introduction to Psychology* (4x12) |
| GEOG 2033 World Regional Geography (4x12) | CSCI 1203 Computer Concepts and Applications |
| BIOL 1114 - General Biology for Non-Majors (4x12) | BIOL 1383 Nutrition |
| Foreign Language 3 hours* | SOCI 1113 - Introduction to Sociology (4x12) |
| CHLD 2032 Early Field Experience | CHLD 2513- Programming for Infants and Toddlers |
| Total Hours Per Semester 15 | Total Hours Per Semester 15 |

TCC total = 61 hours

*requirement associated with a BS degree from NSU in Education

Junior Year at NSU - TCC (possible dual enrollment)

| Fall Semester | Spring Semester |
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| MATH 3413 Modeling: Geometry & Measure (4x12)** | MATH 3433 Modeling: Numeration & Operations (4x12) |
| SPED 4433 Intro to Edu of Children w. Exceptionalities | READ 4023 Read & Language Develop of Young Child |
| READ 4013 Content Literacy K-8 | ELED 4323 Language Arts in the Elementary School |
| ECED 4113 Creative Expression for Early Childhood | EDUC 4823 Emerging Technologies (new title) |
| EDUC 3313 Clinical Teaching/Pre-Internship I | ECED 4213 Cognitive Develop of Young Children |
| EDUC 3113 Educational Psychology | SCI 4214 Science in Elementary School (4x12) |
| ECED 4813 Birth to Two Development | |
| Total Hours Per Semester 21 | Total Hours Per Semester 19 |

** TCC MTH 2553 articulates to NSU as MATH 3413 Modeling: Geometry & Measurement

Senior Year at NSU

| Fall Semester | Spring Semester |
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| MATH 3443 Modeling: Real Numbers & Statistics (4x12) | EDUC 4044 Elementary Intern Teaching |
| READ 4063 Intro to Reading & Writing Assessment | EDUC 4054 Elementary Intern Teaching (Full Internship) |
| ECED 4313 Development of Early Childhood Programs | EDUC 4252 Seminar |
| LIBM 4023 Materials for Children | EDUC 4172 Assessment and Evaluation |
| EDUC 4032 Pre-Internship II | |
| ECED 4513 Organization & Implementation of EC Program | |
| P ED 4232 Motor Skill Development | |
| Total Hours Per Semester 19 | Total Hours Per Semester 12 |

Total hours transferred from Tulsa Community College: 61 hours

Total hours needed to complete Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education: 132

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