

Early Childhood 4-5 Generalist Endorsement Information Sheet#

Thank you for your interest in our programming at Ohio State Newark!

General Information on the EC 4-5 Generalist Endorsement:

There are 4 courses and a PRAXIS exam to take. All 4 courses are offered in an on-line format only. These courses are not offered in the face-to-face format on any of the Ohio State campuses. We only offer one course per quarter at Ohio State Newark. Other regional courses and Columbus courses offer them, too, and not necessarily on the same schedule as we do. You can take courses on 2 different campuses, and it doesn't matter - it is all like taking it from one place because we are, after all, one university. :-) The registration system is pretty seamless and the only differences are:

- You would choose a different campus when you actually do the registration, for each course, even if all the same quarter (hope that makes sense); and
- The cost is slightly more for Columbus campus than for the regional campuses. All of the regionals, however, are on the same cost schedule with each other.

Students have suggested people do *not* take more than one of these courses in a quarter, except for summer, if you are teaching. There is a bit of work, especially since there is no face-to-face-contact time. So the contact time is made up for with videos, chats, etc. Taking 2 of the courses in the summer seems not to be a problem, though.

About the Courses:

The descriptions of the courses are below. We will offer 682 winter quarter 2011; and then 681 spring quarter 2011; and we offer one each quarter in rotation.

T&L 682 – Teaching Mathematics, Science, and Culture in the 4th/5th Grades

This course is related to teaching mathematics and science with consideration of pedagogy, content, assessment and equity. Constructivism is the primary pedagogy emphasized in this course as a methodology to teach for student understanding, and to increase teacher understanding of relationships between the 2 content areas and the cultural context of the 4th and 5th grades.

T&L 680 - Development of 4th/5th grade learners Across Multiple Contexts

The main purpose of this course is to aid students in acquiring a working understanding of the physical, cognitive, and language development of children in the 4th and 5th grades. Special attention will be paid to how different contexts (community, family, school/classroom environment, peer group, media, etc.) relate to the development of 4th and 5th graders.

T&L – 681 Social Transitions of 4th/5th Grade Students in School and at Home

This course is focused on the social and emotional development of the early adolescent in society, at home and in the classroom setting. Early adolescence is a time of transition for children, in their peer groups, in their families and in their cultural communities in ways that impact their orientation toward academic achievement.

T&L 683 – Integrating Language Arts and Social Studies in the 4th/5th grades

The focus of this course is on the curriculum, pedagogy and integration that is specific to the 4th and 5th grades in Language Arts and Social Studies. Integration is a methodology for the teacher to teach in a framework that combines a heavily emphasized content, Language Arts with an occasionally taught content area, Social Studies.

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Application:

This isn't actually a "program" by university definition - it is a set of courses for a state endorsement. Why that makes a difference is that since it is not a program, there is no application to a program or the possibility of rejection. You do, however have to "enroll" to start the coursework. See the EC 4-5 Generalist Endorsement Directions for more information and the enrolment form.

If you want graduate credit, you also would have to apply for Graduate Non-Degree (GND) status (unless you are already in a graduate program), which is how the university verifies that you have a bachelor's degree (or masters) and can therefore be eligible for taking graduate level courses. That application has a one-time fee of \$40 and the attached sheet explains how to do it. If you are interested in taking the course that is offered this coming winter quarter, the GND deadline is Dec 1. But it is on-line and I hear very easy. You might want to have a scanned copy of your transcript or diploma handy, as submitting that electronically will expedite the process.

There is a similar process for undergraduate non-degree if you are not a current Ohio State undergrad.

Costs and Financial Aid:

The university has changed their website and I honestly am having a terrible time finding things. You might end up calling someone at Newark about this- easier than calling Columbus, and find out fees. These courses are all 3 quarter hour courses, and cost somewhere around \$1,000 each for graduate credit. One would need to take 2 courses (at least 5 hours but in this case it would be 6) to be eligible for financial aid. Eligibility requires at least 1/2 time, and 10 hours is full time fro grad level. Similarly for undergraduate.

The university does have some of their own small loans, and you could ask someone about that. I don't know anything about them except that they do require application.

And they also have the Tuition Option Payment Plan (T.O.P.P.) where one can pay in installments across the quarter.

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T.O.P.P. is a program that allows OSU students and families to split the cost of tuition, housing, and optional fees into multiple payments per quarter. Students may elect to sign up for T.O.P.P. on a quarterly basis and there is a fee associated with this service.

Enrollment into T.O.P.P. is done through the Student Center that the student can access via <http://buckeyelink.osu.edu>.

For more T.O.P.P. information send your inquiries to bursar@osu.edu or call (614) 292-1056 or 1-800-635-8944.