



## Focus Area Coursework (15 Credits)

### Focus Areas

In addition to ED 500 and the Professional Core courses, students choose a Focus Area, a set of courses that develop knowledge and skills in a specific field of study. The Focus Area is 15-credits of courses that form an emphasis area that is specific to each individual student.

Students choose one of the following Focus Areas, and “round out” the degree with either a second area or a set of approved Elective courses.

Together, the combination of ED 500, the Professional Core courses, the Focus Area, and the Electives must reach a minimum of 45 credits.

**Literacy**—The Literacy Focus Area is intended for classroom teachers that seek to improve their knowledge and expertise related to literacy in the classroom setting. Students choose fifteen credits from any of the following courses: ED 560, ED 561, ED 562, ED 564, ED 567, ED 568, ED 569, ED 581, READ 512, READ 513, READ 514, READ 531, READ 536, READ 550, READ 575, READ 576, READ 594, READ 595.

Please note that completion of the literacy Focus Area does not qualify one for the Reading Specialist license endorsement. Individuals seeking that license endorsement must follow the course of study at [http://www.eou.edu/ed/graduate/grad\\_lit\\_program.html](http://www.eou.edu/ed/graduate/grad_lit_program.html) and pass the PRAXIS Reading Specialist exam. Those students completing the Reading endorsement courses may apply all 22 credits to the master’s degree, thus reducing the number of remaining electives by 7 credits.

Contact Kristin Johnson for additional information: [Kristin.Johnson@eou.edu](mailto:Kristin.Johnson@eou.edu) or 541-962-3529.

**Curriculum and Instruction in Elementary and Secondary Instruction**—The Focus Area in Curriculum and Instruction is intended to increase the classroom teacher’s general knowledge about classroom issues and practices. It requires completion of one course in Curriculum, one course in Educational Psychology (learning theory, constructivism, development, etc.), one course in Educational Foundations, one

course in Current Issues/Topics in Education, and one course in Literacy or ESOL. A minimum of 15 credits is required for this Focus Area.

**ESOL—English for Speakers of Other Languages** The Focus Area in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is a prescribed course of study primarily designed for those seeking an endorsement in ESOL. However, students not seeking the ESOL endorsement are welcome to complete the courses. Candidates may add this endorsement to a license by completing the course of study below, including 90 clock hours of practicum, and obtaining a passing score on the Praxis II TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language). For ESOL endorsement or Focus Area advising, please contact Dr. Lee Ann McNerney at 503-491-7398 or [lmcnerne@eou.edu](mailto:lmcnerne@eou.edu).

**ED 544** Language and Cognition in Second Language Learners (3)

**READ 514** Linguistics for Teachers (3) or **ED 556** Applied Linguistics (3)

**ED 545** Foundations of Second Language Acquisition and ESOL Strategies (3)

**ED 548** Second Language Acquisition and ESOL Strategies (3)

**ED 547** ESOL Practicum (3)

**Physical Activity and Health**— Fifteen quarter credits of courses within the Physical Activity and Health program (PHYSH) may be selected from the courses listed or arranged as individual study. There are no required courses and courses are scheduled on an independent basis with an appropriate instructor in the PHYSH Division. There may be some regularly scheduled graduate level courses offered online and also in the summer session. For additional information contact the PHYSH Division Chair, Dr. Dan Mielke at 541-962-3399 or [dmielke@eou.edu](mailto:dmielke@eou.edu).

**PES 507** Seminar (1-6)

**HWS 510** Selected Topics (1-6)

**HWS 522** Health Promotion in Schools (1)

**EXS 544** Advanced Studies in Adapted Physical Activity (2)

**Special Education**— Students who have completed the Special Education program may apply 30 quarter hour credits from the completed endorsement program to satisfy the Focus Area and Elective areas required for the Master of Science (MS) degree. Students will need to complete ED 500 and the Professional Core courses in the MS program in addition to the Special Education program in order to attain the MS degree.

Those wishing to pursue a Special Education Endorsement must apply and be admitted to the Special Education program. Contact Dr. Virginia C. Kelly at (541) 962-3537 or [vkelly@eou.edu](mailto:vkelly@eou.edu) for program information and advising. General program information is also available at [http://www.eou.edu/ed/graduate/special\\_ed.html](http://www.eou.edu/ed/graduate/special_ed.html)

**Teacher-Librarian**—This Focus Area is designed for those seeking skills and knowledge in Educational Media. Candidates may add this endorsement to a license by completing the Focus Area courses (15 credits), plus a three credit practicum, and obtaining a passing score on the Praxis II Library Media Specialist test. Program prerequisites include LIB 388: Children's Literature or READ 594: Young Adult Literature. Equivalent courses from other institutions must be approved.

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**Electives (13-15 Credits)** To fulfill the 45 minimum credit requirements for the MS degree, students may choose a second Focus Area or a set of approved Elective courses. Electives must be approved by an advisor.

#### Enrollment in Focus Area and Elective Courses:

Admission to the MS program is not required in order to enroll in Focus Area or Elective courses. (Admission to EOU with graduate student status *is* required if enrolling for more than eight credits per term or if receiving financial aid.) However, some courses may require instructor permission.

Registration for Focus Area and Elective courses is completed online, following normal EOU course enrollment procedures. Go to [www.eou.edu/advising/how\\_to\\_start.html](http://www.eou.edu/advising/how_to_start.html) for information about online registration, or call 1-800-452-8639. Registration for courses in the Professional Core is restricted to students admitted to the MS program, and thus is not completed online. Please contact our office for registration instructions when you are ready to begin these courses.