**INTRODUCTION**

In response to requests from the field, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) created the 4th & 5th Grade Generalist Endorsement which prepares 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 by filling an explicit need in the state of Ohio. Schools profit from greater flexibility in teacher assignments, and teachers with the endorsement benefit from a highly competitive edge in the educational job market. ODE has more information on the endorsement visit the Ohio Department of Education website.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This is four course program (10 credit hours) can be completed in 1 semester entirely online. It provides all the academic requirements to receive the ODE 4th/5th Generalist Endorsement. 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)

*All courses offered entirely online.*

**WHO CAN TAKE THESE COURSES**

The endorsement program is open to current teachers who already have an Early Childhood teaching license. Undergraduates who plan to graduate in the spring and receive licensure over the summer may apply, but must have proof of graduation before the program begins to participate. If you have questions about eligibility, please contact the Patton College at 4-5endorsement@ohio.edu.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Our next cohort is scheduled to begin on May 9, 2016 during our Summer term. Applications will be available online beginning in February 2016. The deadline for applying for the Summer cohort is April 22, 2016.

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.

**TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID**

The endorsement courses are $349/credit hour for Ohio Residents and $352/credit hour for Non-Ohio Residents (Office of the Bursar 2014-2015 Tuition Schedule). Ohio University Faculty and Staff should contact us before registering. As a non-degree graduate student working toward teacher certification, financial aid for independent students 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, $34,500 as Dependent) may seek a private [alternative loan](#) as a resource. For further questions about the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and other aid programs, 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](#).*