Preparation for Gifted and Talented Certification

Gifted and Talented Certification
Completion of the required courses will enable the student to apply for official certification as an Oklahoma Gifted Education Specialist.
This certificate will provide a foundation of knowledge and skills as outlined by the Oklahoma Competencies (adopted May, 2012) for teachers of gifted, talented, and creative learners as well as skills and knowledge based for effective leadership in gifted education programs.

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General Guidelines
1. The applicant must satisfy all requirements related to formal Admission to the Jackson College of Graduate Studies at the University of Central Oklahoma. Application may be completed online at www.uco.edu/graduate
2. Candidates for certification must hold valid Oklahoma teacher licensure and be admitted to the graduate college.
3. Out-of-State students applying should hold a current teaching certificate.
4. This program includes six courses aligned with the Oklahoma State Competencies for Gifted and Talented Specialist as approved by NCATE, NAGC (National Association for Gifted Children) and CES (Council for Exceptional Children).
5. This is a graduate level program. This sequence does not lead to graduation but rather to certification.

Program Procedures and Guidelines for Certification
The UCO Teacher Education Services office is located in the Education Building, room 207, telephone (405) 974-5447. Information regarding certification may be obtained from this office. Applications for adding additional certification(s) may be obtained from http://www.sde.state.ok.us Certification is based on the completion of the University of Central Oklahoma approved programs. Applications are processed through the Teacher Education Services Office. To apply for advanced certification, the individual should:
A. Complete all courses listed on the Plan of Study developed by Director of Graduate Advisement for the College of Education and Professional Studies;
B. Contact the appropriate Program Coordinator regarding the coursework for the respective program, particularly if it seems likely that some courses previously completed could substitute for required courses in the program.
C. Apply to take the appropriate state certification examination. Application is made online with Certification Examination for Oklahoma Educators (CEOE) at http://www.ceoe.nesinc.com
D. After completing the certification requirements, obtain an application for adding additional certification online at https://sde.ok.gov/

Gifted and Talented Required Course Work ...............18 Hours

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E. After all applicable coursework has been posted on the UCO transcript; candidates must submit a completed UCO official transcript along with the completed application for adding additional certification(s) to the UCO Teacher Education Services Office for review and recommendation. If courses needed for certification were completed at an institution other than UCO, official copies of those transcripts MUST be submitted with the application form for certification. UCO will not supply official copies of transcripts from other universities. Applications cannot be processed without official transcripts which reflect all required coursework.