



*University of Oklahoma Norman Campus: Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education:
Department of Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum*

Drusa B. Cable Chair in Education and Early Childhood Education

Location: Norman, OK

The University and the Opportunity

The University of Oklahoma is a comprehensive research institution serving the educational, cultural, economic and health care needs of the State, the region and the nation. As a state, Oklahoma is known for its leadership in early childhood education due to its quality rating and improvement system (QRIS), universal PreK, and innovative funding for birth to 3 programming. Both the Norman and Tulsa campuses are home to vibrant and nationally-renowned Early Childhood Education Programs, offering undergraduate and graduate academic programs. Early Childhood Education faculty work collaboratively with researchers from across a variety of disciplines including medicine, psychology, public health, sociology and others to support the development of a cutting edge early childhood research agenda.

The Norman Campus program supports and sustains the Institute of Child Development, which serves approximately 50 children, ages 2-5, from the surrounding community. The OU Institute of Child Development was in the first group of licensed child care facilities in the United States to be accredited by NAEYC, a status it maintains today. The Institute of Child Development serves as the laboratory school for the department and university fulfilling teaching, research, and outreach missions. A partnership is emerging with the Norman Public School District to develop a district wide birth to age 4 early childhood facility located on the campus. Additionally, the Tulsa Campus is home to the research group Early Childhood Education Institute (ECEI). The ECEI at OU-Tulsa strives to advance and support early childhood programming and policies by generating, disseminating, and applying meaningful research. The ECEI conducts applied research with community partners including the 3 Tulsa Educare schools and CAP-Tulsa, a large provider of Head Start and Early Head Start services. In 2011 the ECEI was designated as an OU University Strategic Organization for its research initiative focused on infants and toddlers in group care settings.

Responsibilities of the Appointee

The holder of the Drusa B. Cable Chair in Education will be a tenured, Professor or Associate Professor in the Department of Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum, located at the Norman campus.

A key function of the Cable Chair will be spearheading the hire of 7 faculty in cross disciplines that share a role in the research focused on social, emotional, physical and/or cognitive development of young children. Responsibilities include teaching courses on both undergrad and graduate levels, conducting research of international significance and providing service to the early childhood profession at the state and national level. Accordingly, this role will require someone with enthusiasm and outstanding professional or academic stature. This dynamic leader will be given the opportunity to collaborate with university leadership, faculty and community partners to develop and implement a strategic program that will become an example of transdisciplinary research in early childhood education and professional teacher preparation.

Qualifications

The following qualifications are required:

- An earned doctorate in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, or related field with an emphasis on young children.
- Professional experience educating young children and families in an early care and education setting.
- Evidence of research excellence.
- A record of success securing external funds.
- Eligibility for tenure and graduate faculty status, which require nationally visible research, scholarship, and publications in high-quality, refereed journals.
- Evidence of high-quality university level teaching and professional mentoring.

The following qualifications are preferred:

- Evidence of successful collaboration across academic disciplines.
- Ability to use multiple research methodologies, including quantitative and qualitative approaches.
- Evidence of national service and leadership to the profession.
- Ability and experience to work with policymakers, agencies, business and civic leaders beyond the academic realm.
- Evidence or potential for leadership in Early Childhood

Application Instructions

Applicants should submit a letter describing their interests in and qualifications for this position. The letter should also describe the types of research, teaching and service activities that uniquely qualify them for the position. They should submit a curriculum vitae, examples of scholarly work and transcript. They should request letters of recommendation to be sent from three individuals who are familiar with their current work by February 28, 2018.

All application materials should be submitted at: <https://apply.interfolio.com/46000>