

## OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (BSOE)

The Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Education combines theory with experience to prepare students as workforce development professionals in a variety of settings and occupations. Students qualify for the program based upon completion or possession of an Associates' Degree from an accredited college or university.

### Specialized General Studies Requirements

General Studies courses should meet the Troy University General Studies Program guidelines.

### Admission Requirements to the BSOE Program

To apply for admission to the BSOE program, applicants must submit:

1. Completed Application for Admission,
2. Official transcript(s) from all colleges and universities attended,
3. Evidence of an Associates' Degree from a regionally accredited college\*, or Associate of Applied Science Degree

\*Any awarded Associates Degree must include coursework commensurate with the Troy University General Studies Program.

Other possible ways to earn credit toward the degree:

1. **National, state, military, or professional credentials that are widely recognized in the field as indicating *currency and competency* in work related abilities. These credentials will be scrutinized by TROY for authenticity, rigor, and occupational regard. Examples of acceptable credentials would include:**
  - - National Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation (NITC) certification
  - - ANSI/NETA ETT *Standard for Certification of Electrical Testing Technicians*.
  - - Certified Information Systems Security Specialist (CISSP)
  - - A+ Certification
  - - Security+ Certification
  - - Community College of the Air Force credentials
  - - USAF Air University credentials
  - - Air Force Credentialing Opportunities Online (COOL)
  - - American Council on Education Credit (A.C.E.)

**After review, TROY will award appropriate credit up to 30 hours; TROY will recommend subsequent action to reach the 30-hour requirement. (Example: enrollment in a specified program of study at a community college to earn credit in related skill areas.)**

### Academic Core (30 hours)

ADE 3305 ADE 3310 ADE 3320 ADE 3346 ADE 4400 ADE 4410 ADE 4420 COM 2231 EAL 3301 EAL 4401

- (3) Teaching Adults with Technology
- (3) Teaching Adult Learners
- (3) Assessing Adult Learners
- (3) Educational Psychology in Adult Learning
- (3) Classroom Management in Adult Learning
- (3) Professional Education Communication (Student Counseling) (3) History and Development of the Workforce
- (3) Interpersonal Communications
- (3) Education Leadership and Motivation in Adult Learning (3) Problem Solving and Decision Making

It is also recognized that many BSOE students may have already been in an occupational education environment and/or may have secured additional, related hours for courses similar to the Professional Core. To recognize and provide credit for these experiences, TROY will provide up to twelve (12) hours credit to the professional core in this manner:

1. **Transfer credit** for courses taken at another regionally accredited university with a grade of “B” or better. These courses must be comparable in catalog description to courses in the Professional Core and must be approved by the Dean of the College of Education.
2. **Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)**. Students wishing to receive credit for the following courses must pass a course specific exam to receive credit for any one of these courses. These exams are developed by TROY faculty to assess a potential student’s grasp of course content. Each course will have one exam that is proctored at an appropriate location.
  - a. ADE 3310: Teaching Adult Learners

**NOTE:**

- b. ADE 3320: Assessing Adult Learners
- c. ADE 3305: Teaching Adults with Technology

**Academic Regulation Requiring Residency.** For Students seeking a bachelor’s degree from TROY, 25% of the credit hours required for the degree must be completed in “residence” through TROY or TROYONLINE. Therefore, in some

cases, students will not be granted transfer credit or PLA credit even if they qualify.

NOTE: Case Example – Student A, a welding instructor at ABC Community College, starts TROY with an associate’s degree and registers for the BSOE degree. Student A also provides evidence of work related experience. Student A **MUST** take all ten, 3-hour course to satisfy TROY’s 25% credit hour academic requirements.

**TROY UNIVERSITY BSOE Accelerated Bachelor to Master Program**

TROY permits students in select bachelors’ programs to earn credit towards a masters’ degree in a similar area. This would be true also for the BSOE. Troy will award credit to BSOE graduates for the following course in its Masters of Adult Education degree program:

- ADE 6653: Educational Evaluation
- ADE 6670: Adult Learning and Development
- ADE 6674: Methods and Strategies for Teaching Adults