The Occupational Education program is designed for mature students who need customized academic programs that award credit for nontraditional forms of learning. A degree in Occupational Education awards students with the opportunity to personalize their degree. Those most likely to benefit from the Occupation Educational degree are military veterans, students with multiple interests or areas of expertise and those looking to bridge their work experience with education. Since the program is individualized, you have almost unlimited options of curricular organizational patterns.

Contact the Occupational Education program in the College of Fine Arts for more information about this degree by calling 512-245-2115 or emailing occed@txstate.edu

Skills (Vary with specialization)

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Degrees & Certifications

**Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences:** Designed to give working adults an accelerated route to a bachelor’s degree by earning credit for work experience, non-collegiate instruction and test scores.

- up to 24 semester hours for work/life experience.
- up to 30 semester hours for training conducted by business or industry if recognized by the American Council on Education.
- an unlimited number of hours from the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES).

To earn the remaining credits you need for a BAAS, you will be able to select courses from multiple academic disciplines to meet your goals. This program’s focus is on developing broad skills that are applicable to a wide range of occupations.

- Those seeking teacher certification in Texas public schools may not use the BAAS degree.
- Certification for Technology and Industry teachers (T&I) is available through OcEd.
**Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (MSIS):**
Tailored to your own skills and goals. It is a customized degree plan for mature students who have established their career objectives in business, industry, nonprofit agencies or government.

This unique hybrid program lets you take courses from four or more academic disciplines, giving you a variety of intellectual viewpoints. You can choose from courses in health administration, communication studies, psychology, technology, sociology, business or other academic disciplines along with occupational education and career and technology education.

**Areas of Concentration:**
You may select a number of areas of study. Below are some of the potential areas. Contact the Occupational Education program in the College of Fine Arts for more information about this degree.

- application of human performance technology skills
- assessment of organizational needs, the development of remediation strategies, and programs that enhance human performance
- high-performance leadership, motivation and styles of management
- correct use of human resources through identifying occupational aptitude, job placement and follow-up
- interpretation and application of manpower trends, occupational surveys and the dynamics of career choice.
- skills and attitudes related to the supervision of personnel

**Master of Education with a Major in Management of Technical Education (MEd)**
The Master of Education with a major in management of technical education (MEd) prepares you to manage instructional personnel in an education or training environment. You will learn skills needed to supervise educators or trainers in junior colleges, businesses, the military, civil service or other education and training sites.

In this program, you will develop instructional and managerial competencies through various courses in curriculum design and delivery, instructional improvement, human performance technology, class organization, management, teaching/learning styles, diversity and program evaluation. You will also have the opportunity to apply the principles you learn.

**Possible Work Settings (some examples)**

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Government Agencies:
- National Archives and Records
- Political Campaigns
- Smithsonian Institute

Advocacy Groups
- Library of Congress

CAREER PATHS
(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)

...in Public Service

**Areas of Interest**

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**Possible Work Settings**

- Government offices
- Private Social Service Agencies

..in Communications

**Sample Job Titles**

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**Possible Work Settings**

- Advertising Agencies
- Consulting Firms
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Consumer Product Companies
- Publishers
- Public Relations Firms

...in Business Administration and Management

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What can I do with this degree?
**Possible Work Settings**
Advertising Depts. & Agencies  
Consulting Firm  

Human Resources Dept.  
Private/Government  

Fashion Design Companies  
Nonprofit Organizations  

...in Teaching

**Sample Job Titles**
Technical School Teacher  
Technical School Administrator  

**Possible Work Settings**
Technical Schools  

**RESOURCES**

**Texas State University-Student Organizations**
Phi Alpha Theta (honor society)

**Professional Organizations:**
Professional Organizations are available within chosen specializations. However, there are no organizations associated directly with Occupational Education.

**Job & Internship Search**
Recommended General Job Search Engine, www.indeed.com  

Other job and internship sites are available for specialized areas of concentration

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