

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The PFF Program consists of a 2-hour fall semester course and a 2-hour spring semester course. The program is designed for graduate students and postdoctoral research fellows interested in gaining the basic theory and skills necessary to be an effective communicator and educator and to have a mentored teaching experience. At the end of the program participants will have prepared a teaching portfolio and developed their own teaching philosophy. Student course evaluations have reported workload for both courses is very manageable. Course grading is S/U.

Pre-requisites:

- All students must be able to attend classes on the Health Sciences Center campus.
- Master's students must be in second year of the program
 - o Exceptions may apply for MS students who started their program in the spring semester
 - o Contact Graduate College for permission
- Doctoral students must have successfully completed the General Examination; exceptions may be made under certain circumstances upon petition to the Graduate dean
- Post-doctoral fellows will be granted expedited acceptance into the Graduate College as Special Students
 - o Send the PFF application with appropriate signatures to Carla Shackelford in the Graduate College
 - o Upon acceptance into the PFF Program, postdocs will be instructed to apply as a Special Graduate Student. Postdocs will need to apply online at: <http://apps.ouhsc.edu/admissions/>
 - o A \$75 OUHSC application fee is required (\$25 will be refunded with a verification as a postdoc).

Fall course - BMSC 6202: Meets 2 hours per week during the semester

- Explore topics related to course and lecture development, instructional methods, classroom management student learning and learner assessment
- Complete required readings from the textbook and selected articles/chapters from published literature
- Observe and evaluate three teaching observations throughout the semester of 1-2 hours each
- Deliver two in-class presentations
- Create and complete a teaching portfolio for the fall

Spring course – BMSC 6300: Meets in-class once a month. Most time commitment is lecture preparation.

- Provides discipline-specific teaching experiences in university classrooms
- Teach at least two lectures (one hour each) in an undergraduate course
- Teach at least one laboratory or small group teaching session
- Revise and complete a teaching portfolio started in the fall semester

Tuition and Fees:

- OUHSC graduate students enrolled full-time receive full tuition; University related fees are the responsibility of the student.
- OUHSC post-doctoral fellows receive tuition waivers; fees are the responsibility of the fellow.
- Tuition and fees are the responsibility of external graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

*** University related fees are dependent upon tuition rate, but are roughly \$350.00 per semester.

Each student who successfully completes the PFF Program will receive a transcript annotation of program completion.