



In November 1885, a vote of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention authorized Ouachita Baptist College as an institution of higher education. The institution's Board of Trustees voted in April 1886 to locate the school in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. In June 1886, the board elected J.W. "Dr. Jack" Conger to be Ouachita's first president at age 29. Classes began on Sept. 6, 1886, and

**Ouachita Baptist University**

**Institutional Classification:**

- Independent
- Public

**Institutional Admissions Selectivity:**

- Open Enrollment
- Moderately Selective
- Selective
- Highly Selective

**Accreditation Status:**

- CAEP Accredited
- Initial CAEP Application
- NCATE Accredited
- State Reviewed

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I. Definitions

Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) – institutions or organizations that offer teacher preparation programs. Educator preparation providers can be Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) offering traditional programs, IHEs offering nontraditional (alternate route) programs, or organizations not based at IHEs offering nontraditional programs.

Educator Preparation Programs – individual license area tracks offered under the auspices of each EPP.

ETS® (Educational Testing Services) – the testing company that produces licensure exams for Arkansas.

Initial License – the first teaching license that a candidate receives.

HEA Title II (Title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965) – In October 1998 Congress reauthorized the Higher Education Act, in which, Sections 207 and 208 of Title II reflect the efforts of States, IHEs, and their school district partners to improve the recruitment, preparation, and support of new teachers. The annual federal HEA Title II Report includes requirements, conditions, and specifications related to teacher preparation and licensure for EPPs and states.

IHE – Institution of Higher Education (college or university).

Nontraditional Program – a post-baccalaureate preparation program designed for individuals seeking licensure as a teacher whose undergraduate, or post-baccalaureate degree is not in educator preparation. Under the Arkansas Department of Education rules for nontraditional licensure, this is a program that allows them to serve as teacher of record while enrolled in a program of study.

Praxis® Licensure Tests – examinations offered by Educational Testing Service (ETS®) taken by individuals entering the teaching profession (required by many states, including Arkansas) as part of the licensure process. Passing scores are required on the appropriate basic skills, pedagogy, and content-area assessments as mandated by the State Board of Education.

Program Completer – a person who has met all the requirements of a state-approved educator preparation program. Program completers include all those who are documented as having met such requirements. Documentation may take the form of a degree, institutional certificate, program credential, transcript, or other written proof of having met the program's requirements.

Traditional Program – an undergraduate or graduate program of study at an IHE that prepares candidates for licensure as a teacher (or other school professional) and includes a supervised clinical experience (student teaching). Candidates do not serve as teacher of record while enrolled in the program of study.



**II. Program Areas**

The following reflects the programs offered at the EPP at the time of this posting. Current listings can be found by visiting the ADE [Educator Preparation Web Page](#) and clicking on the Approved Programs Matrix.

**Table 1. Programs offered**

Teacher Licensure Programs	
Age 3-4 Endorsement to a K-6 License	Middle Childhood (4-8) - English/Language Arts
Art (K-12)	Middle Childhood (4-8) - Mathematics
Biology/Life Science (7-12)	Middle Childhood (4-8) - Science
Drama (7-12)	Middle Childhood (4-8) - Social Studies
Drama/Speech (blended program) (K-12)	Music - Instrumental, Vocal (K-12)
Elementary Education (K-6)	Physical Education / Health (K-12)
English / Language Arts (7-12)	Physical Science (7-12)
Mathematics (7-12)	Physics/Math (7-12)
	Social Studies (7-12)

**III. Enrollment and Program Completers**

The tables below are program enrollment and completer data the EPP has reported to Title II and directly to ADE.

**Table 2. Teacher Program Enrollment**

	2015 Title II 13-14 SY	2016 Title II 14-15 SY	2017 Title II 15-16 SY	Average	% of State Average
Traditional	54	60	65	59.7	1.4%
Nontraditional					
State	5,258	3,944	3,737	4,313	100%

Source: HEA Title II Reports

**Table 3. Teacher Program Completers**

	2015 Title II 13-14 SY	2016 Title II 14-15 SY	2017 Title II 15-16 SY	Average	% of State Average
Traditional	40	33	34	35.7	1.7%
Nontraditional					
State	2,257	2,177	1,904	2,112	100%

Source: HEA Title II Reports

**Table 4. Administrator Program Enrollment – N/A (no administrator programs)**

**Table 5. Administrator Program Completers – N/A (no administrator programs)**

**IV. Demographic Data**

The data below were submitted by the EPP for Title II purposes. These are the candidates enrolled in initial licensure teacher preparation programs in 2015-16. **Note:** Individuals can belong to one or more racial groups. The sum of the members of each racial category may not necessarily add up to the total number of students enrolled. For purposes of Title II reporting, the definition of an enrolled student is a student who has been admitted to an initial licensure teacher preparation program but who has not yet completed the program.

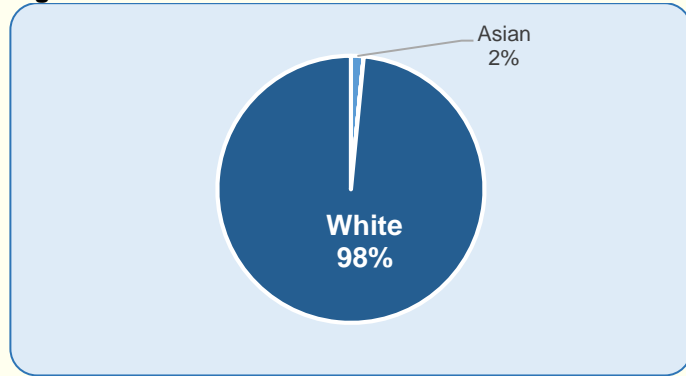
**Table 6. Enrollment Demographic Data**

	OBU Traditional Program	Nontraditional Program
Male	12	
Female	53	
Unreported Gender	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	
Asian	1	
Black	0	
Hispanic	0	
Multi-racial	0	
Nat. Amer.	0	
Pacific Islander	0	
White	64	
Unreported Race	0	

Source: HEA Title II Report

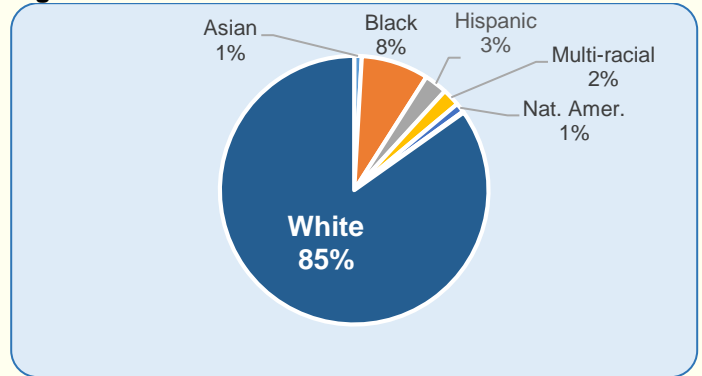
Figures 1-5 demonstrate the demographic makeup of AR educators and students during the 15-16 school year.

**Fig. 1. OBU Enrollees 15-16**



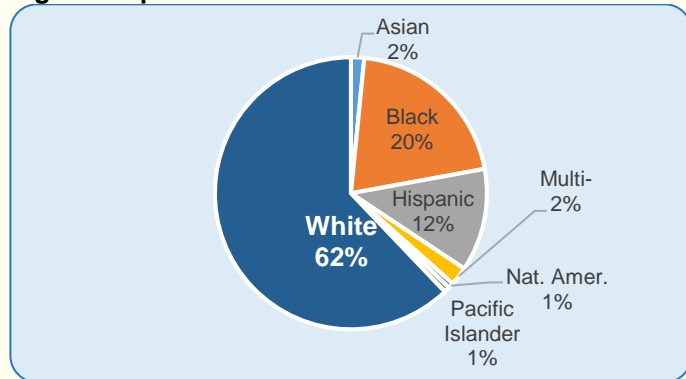
Source: 2017 HEA Title II Report

**Fig. 2. AR EPP Enrollees 15-16**



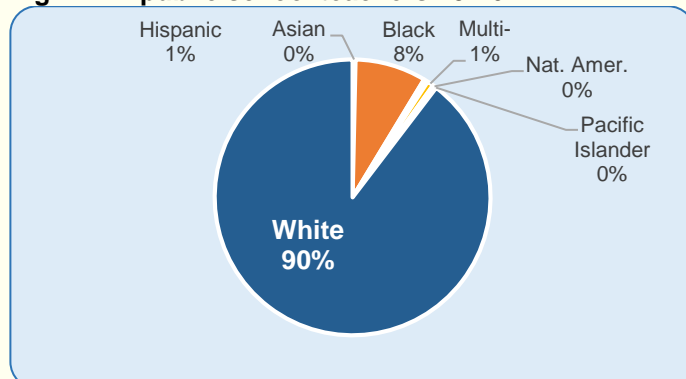
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**Fig. 3. AR public school students 15-16**



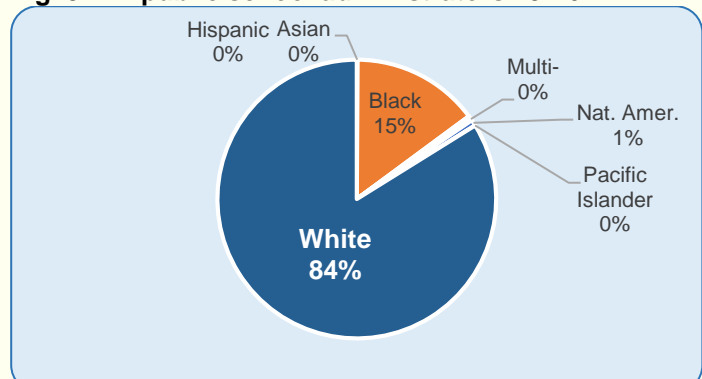
Source: ADE Data Center

**Fig. 4. AR public school teachers 15-16**



Source: ADE Data Center

**Fig. 5. AR public school administrators 15-16**



Source: ADE Data Center



**V. Number of Teachers Prepared Annually by License Area**

The number of teachers prepared in these license areas is reported each year in the HEA Title II Report. The table below represents the number of teachers prepared over three years. These data include both traditional and nontraditional programs.

**Table 7. Number of teachers prepared by license area**

OBU Subject Area	Number of Teachers Prepared					
	2014 Title II	2015 Title II	2016 Title II	Avg.	State Avg.	% of State
Agriculture	0	0	0	0.0	24.0	0.0%
Art	0	0	0	0.0	61.7	0.0%
Business	0	0	0	0.0	54.7	0.0%
Chinese	0	0	0	0.0	6.7	0.0%
Drama/Speech	2	0	0	0.7	20.7	3.2%
Elementary/Early Childhood	13	24	18	18.3	873.7	2.1%
English	1	3	0	1.3	181.7	0.7%
Family & Consumer Science	0	0	0	0.0	38.0	0.0%
French	0	0	0	0.0	3.7	0.0%
German	0	0	0	0.0	1.5	0.0%
Life/Earth Science	0	0	0	0.0	39.3	0.0%
Life Science	0	1	1	0.7	38.7	1.7%
Mathematics	2	3	1	2.0	126.3	1.6%
Middle Childhood	0	1	3	1.3	293.3	0.5%
Music	8	3	7	6.0	105.0	5.7%
Physical Education/Health	1	2	1	1.3	195.7	0.7%
Physical/Earth Science	0	0	0	0.0	24.0	0.0%
Physical Science	0	0	0	0.0	18.0	0.0%
Social Studies	2	6	2	3.3	136.3	2.4%
Spanish	0	1	0	0.3	26.0	1.3%

Source: HEA Title II Reports

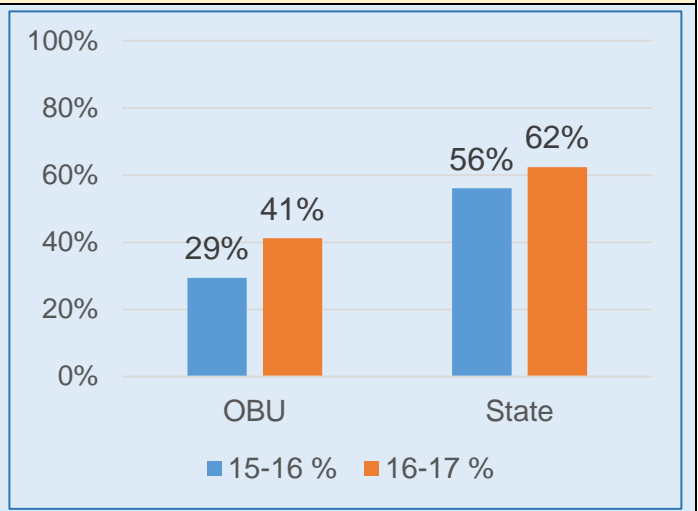
Note: Number prepared may not equal number of program completers due to differences in Title II reporting definitions.

**VI. Number of Program Completers Employed in Arkansas Public Schools (first-year)**

Arkansas EPP program completers (both traditional and nontraditional) were reported to the ADE Office of Research and Technology. Those found as employed in Arkansas public schools in the following year are represented below.

**Table 8. OBU Program Completers teaching in Arkansas Public Schools during their first year as a teacher**

	<u>OBU</u>	<u>State</u>
Completers 2014-2015	34	2,177
Employed in APS 15-16	10	1,220
15-16 %	29%	56%
Completers 2015-2016	34	1,904
Employed in APS 16-17	14	1,189
16-17 %	41%	62%
Change	12%	6%



Source: Data supplied by OBU and ADE Data Center



**VII. Praxis® Licensure Test Pass Rates**

The Praxis® Tests reported herein are those assessments that are required for educator licensure in Arkansas. Pass rates reflect the tests taken between 9/1/15 and 8/31/16 and the numbers passing each test. If a candidate took a test more than once, only the highest score is reported. Arkansas EPPs had the opportunity to verify that their candidates took the tests listed for their institution. Data include both traditional and nontraditional routes.

**Table 9. Licensure Test Pass Rates**

Test #	Test Name	n	Mean	# Pass	% Pass	State Pass Rate (%)
5235	Biology: Content Knowledge	0	*	*	*	82.67
5022	Early Childhood: Content Knowledge	0	*	*	*	99.78
5003	Elem Ed: MS Mathematics Subtest	22	173.95	21	95.45	86.06
5002	Elem Ed: MS Reading Language Arts Subtest	21	173.90	21	100.00	90.37
5005	Elem Ed: MS Science Subtest	21	169.90	20	95.24	72.66
5004	Elem Ed: MS Social Studies Subtest	20	166.25	18	90.00	71.64
5039	English Language Arts: Content and Analysis	0	*	*	*	80.99
5857	Health and Physical Ed: Content Knowledge	1	*	*	*	82.06
5161	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	1	*	*	*	40.82
5047	Middle School English Language Arts	0	*	*	*	48.45
5169	Middle School Mathematics	3	*	*	*	58.04
5440	Middle School Science	0	*	*	*	63.93
5089	Middle School Social Studies	0	*	*	*	74.53
5113	Music: Content Knowledge	7	166.43	6	85.71	83.97
5621	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood	5	170.60	5	100.00	94.30
5623	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 5-9	3	*	*	*	94.98
5624	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12	13	179.00	13	100.00	94.75
5622	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6	14	178.00	14	100.00	92.93
5086	Social Studies: Content and Interpretation	3	*	*	*	60.87
5641	Theatre	1	*	*	*	80.00

Source: ETS Data Manager

n = number of test takers

Mean = average score (all takers of this test from this EPP)

# Pass = number of passing scores

% Pass = pass rate percentage

\* = no data if n < 5



**VIII. Novice Teacher Survey Results**

First-year teachers complete a “Novice Teacher Survey” in the spring at the end of their first year of teaching. The purpose of the survey is to identify novice teachers’ perceptions of their educator preparation experience based on the four TESS “Framework for Teaching” domains. The spring 2016 questions and results are presented below for traditional and nontraditional programs combined.

Instructions were as follows: “Please rate the following statements based on how well you feel your educator preparation provider (EPP) prepared you in each category for your first year of teaching.”

SCALE: 1 = Not prepared in this area 2 = Minimally prepared 3 = Adequately prepared 4 = Well prepared

**Table 10. Novice Teacher Survey Results**

Domain	Category	OBU Scores (n = 10)	State scores (n = 1,666)
1a.	Knowledge of content and pedagogy	3.56	3.55
1b.	Knowledge of students	3.80	3.57
1c.	Instructional outcomes	3.80	3.51
1d.	Knowledge of resources	3.56	3.50
1e.	Coherent instruction	3.80	3.52
1f.	Student assessments	3.56	3.44
2a.	Environment of respect and rapport	3.80	3.60
2b.	Culture for learning	3.70	3.57
2c.	Managing classroom procedures	3.80	3.45
2d.	Managing student behavior	3.70	3.39
2e.	Organizing physical space	3.67	3.52
3a.	Communicating with students	3.80	3.56
3b.	Questioning and discussion techniques	3.70	3.47
3c.	Engaging students in learning	3.60	3.51
3d.	Using assessment in instruction	3.67	3.47
3e.	Flexibility and responsiveness	3.60	3.53
4a.	Reflecting on teaching	3.60	3.55
4b.	Maintaining accurate records	3.56	3.45
4c.	Communicating with families	3.60	3.42
4d.	Participating in professional community	3.68	3.55
4e.	Growing and developing professionally	3.71	3.57
4f.	Showing professionalism	3.67	3.64
Avg. of all 22 items		3.64	3.52

Source: ADE Novice Teacher Survey - Spring 2016