Library Support for the Proposed Elementary Education Program on Cascades Campus

This report is an analysis of the capacity of the OSU Cascades local library collection and services, in combination with access to the resources of the whole of OSU Libraries and Press (OSULP), to support the proposed Elementary Education degree on the Cascades campus. The Elementary Education degree curriculum will be identical to the one on main campus in Corvallis.

Print Monographs and E-Books

Due to the size restrictions of the OSU Cascades Library, this program will heavily depend on the OSU Valley Library in Corvallis and OSULP e-book collections. The print collection at the Valley Library is available to OSU Cascades students by request and can be received within 3 working days. OSULP has 2,480 print books on elementary education and 1,950 books on special education, part of a collection of over 51,000 books on education. This print collection is adequate to support the proposed program.

The growing availability of e-books makes it possible to expedite access to more information from various locations. This immediate access serves the OSU Cascades students and faculty well. Students at the OSU Cascades campus will have access to the e-books purchased centrally, which includes over 750 titles in elementary education and 150 titles in special education, in a collection of over 6,000 education-related titles.

OSU is served well by the OSULP investment in the Orbis/Cascades Alliance, whose combined collection is substantial. Students and faculty can order from the collections of all the libraries in the Orbis Cascade Alliance through the Summit catalog. University of Oregon, Portland State University, University of Washington and Washington State University are some of the larger research libraries represented in the Summit catalog. Books requested through Summit are delivered within three to five working days.

Serials/Journals

The OSULP maintain an adequate collection of journals that support the existing education program. The majority of journal subscriptions are for electronic access to the articles, so OSU Cascades students have immediate access to the content. For journals held in print format, OSULP offers the Scan and Deliver service, which provides PDF copies of articles requested.

Indexes and Databases

The core indexes to the relevant information for this program are shown in Table 1. The OSULP maintain access to these databases as they are core to a number of OSU's primary research and teaching areas.

Table 1: Indexes and Databases for Education

Databases	Index Coverage	Full Text Coverage
Education Research Complete	1,500+ journals	750 full-text journals, plus conference papers and books
ERIC	1966-present	Index to research articles, reports, and conference papers
Educators Reference Complete	1980-present	Full text for nearly half of journals indexed in ERIC
Professional Development Collection	1984-present	Specialized collection for professional educators, with information on everything from children's health to pedagogical theory and practice

Key library services & librarian expertise

Expertise at OSU-Cascades is covered by Sara Q. Thompson, the Cascades Librarian. In that capacity, she provides instruction as requested either in-class or via the web, responds to reference inquiries, and develops materials to assist faculty members and students in their research.

The Primary Contact for the College of Education is Laurie Bridges. Primary Contacts serve as the major contact for faculty, staff and students, monitors trends in curriculum and research, attends relevant college, departmental and program events to gain insight, and identifies how OSULP expertise and resources can be most effectively used. The promote OSULP expertise and collaborate with the Expert Leads to integrate and leverage that expertise throughout the OSU Community. .

Providing access to items not owned by OSULP is the domain of the Interlibrary Loan and Summit staff both at OSULP and at lending libraries. Print articles located in the OSU Libraries' collections may be requested via the Scan and Deliver service, which provides PDFs of the requested articles.

Summary

OSU Libraries collections are adequate to support the proposed Elementary Education program at Cascades campus.

Respectfully submitted,

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