Graduate Programs

College of Education
Degree: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
Major: Special Education

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Admission Requirements

Important information about applying to Graduate School:

- **Transcripts**: Submit official transcripts in sealed envelopes from all schools attended. NOTE: If you attended one of the Florida State University System institutions, transcripts may be requested electronically.
- **Supporting documentation**: Supplemental applications, letters of recommendation, and/or portfolios should be submitted directly to your graduate program.
- **Conduct**: A “yes” answer to either of the conduct questions on the online application will require a written explanation. Additional information may be requested when your application is under review. Applications will not be fully processed until all conduct issues are cleared.
- **Application status**: Once your application has been submitted, you can check your application status online to ensure transcripts and test scores have been received. NOTE: Application status will say incomplete until an admission decision has been made.
- **Residency classification**: Your residency classification automatically defaults to non-Florida. After you are admitted, the residency officer will request additional documents by email if needed.

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- Undergraduate GPA of 3.5
- GRE test score of 148 (verbal), 144 (quantitative), and 3 (analytical writing)
- Three years teaching experience
- Masters Degree
- Interview with department required
- Original writing sample

International Students
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Application Deadlines

**Domestic Students**
- Fall: July 1
- Spring: November 1
- Summer: April 1

**International Students**
- Fall: February 15
- Spring: July 15
- Summer: January 15