



DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM, CULTURE  
AND EDUCATIONAL INQUIRY  
College of Education

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in  
Curriculum and Instruction**  
*Admission Requirements*

Doctoral candidates are admitted for the Fall semester only. The application deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> February. **Admission to the Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction requires submission of the graduate application form at <https://www.fau.edu/graduate/applyonline/>.** You will find information about the application process at <http://www.fau.edu/graduate/>.

For questions regarding your application status or general inquiries, please call the Graduate College Office at (561) 297-3624, the office for Academic and Student Services at the College of Education (561) 297-3570, or send an e-mail to [graduatecollege@fau.edu](mailto:graduatecollege@fau.edu). For more information on the program, please contact the Department of Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry. The office is room #495 in the Education building on the Boca campus, phone (561) 297-6594. The department website is: <http://www.coe.fau.edu/academicdepartments/ccei/>.

**To be admitted, a student must meet the following requirements AND must submit all documentation to the Graduate College utilizing GradCas, upon which departmental approval will be contingent:**

1. Send in official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework to the Graduate College at FAU indicating the courses taken and noting completion of a bachelor's and a master's degree.
  2. Have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 or better in the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate work, and a GPA of 3.25 or better in a completed master's degree program.
  3. Present GRE scores on the quantitative, verbal, and written sections which are not more than 5 years old from the date of your application to the program.
  4. Provide two letters of recommendation on professional letterhead from supervisors and/or professors.
  5. A professional statement describing your career goals, research interests, and reasons for wanting to enter the program.
  6. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview with department faculty during the application review process. These applicants will be asked to complete a 45-minute on-site writing sample after the interview.
  7. Additional requirements for international students may apply. Please refer to the Graduate College for more information.
- **If you have any further questions about the program or coursework, please contact the doctoral coordinator, Sabrina Sembiante, Ph.D. 561.297.4616.**

Upon notification of admission, the candidate must contact the assigned Program Advisor to design a preliminary plan for their coursework. The Program Advisor explains the process of the doctoral program, states our expectations for doctoral students, answers questions about the curriculum, and discusses the student's prior experiences, current interests, and future plans.

The electronic Plan of Study must be completed at the midpoint of the coursework. Students eligible for Graduate Assistantships will need to complete a Plan of Study within their first two semesters of coursework. All doctoral work must be completed within 10 years of date of admission. During the entire Ph.D. process, students are required to enroll for at least 1 credit during at least 2 semesters (fall, spring, or summer) of every academic year, in order to remain eligible for the degree.

A maximum of 17 semester hours of graduate credit earned from Florida Atlantic University in a non-degree-seeking status and a maximum of 6 semester hours of graduate credit earned from another university may be transferred into the program, subject to approval by the Program Advisor.

All College of Education Programs are approved by the Florida Department of Education and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) previously NCATE. Please keep and consult the Florida Atlantic University catalogue from the semester that you were admitted to the program, for more details regarding your program.