

 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Graduate Programs		UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	Department Curriculum & Instruction College Education		
Program Name Educational Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction		☐ New Program* ☒ Change Program*	Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) Summer 2023
Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment. The proposed changes entail the following revisions to the program admissions criteria. 1. Elimination of GRE scores 2. Addition of a personal statement from the applicant describing their research interests vis-a-vis their professional trajectory and anticipated benefit of a specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction 3. Modification of the requirements for the letters of recommendation to specify applicant's academic skills and scholarly potential 4. Retention of the graduate GPA of 3.25 or better Rationale for the changes proposed: In the past few years when the Graduate College suspended the requirement of the GRE, we had the opportunity to review for the GRE played a role in our decision making around admissions. Based on our experiences, we find that the removal of the GRE will not have an adverse impact on the program and our decisions about applicants. We have added a requirement of a personal statement from the candidate and added more specificity to the requirements for the letters of recommendation.			
*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.			
Faculty Contact/Email/Phone Sabrina Sembiente / ssembiente@fau.edu / (786) 541-6020		Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation	
Approved by Department Chair <u>Charles Dubes</u> College Curriculum Chair <u>Paul R. Poluso</u> College Dean <u>[Signature]</u> UGPC Chair _____ UGC Chair _____ Graduate College Dean _____ UFS President _____ Provost _____		Date <u>1/31/2023</u> <u>2/7/2023</u> <u>2/13/2023</u> _____ _____ _____ _____	

Email this form and attachments to UGPC@fau.edu 10 days before the UGPC meeting.

Ed.S. admission criteria

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Specialist in Education with Major in Curriculum and Instruction

The Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) in Curriculum and Instruction is designed for students who wish to continue graduate studies beyond the master's (M.Ed.) degree but do not desire the Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.), which requires additional courses and a research dissertation. The Education Specialist Degree requires a minimum of 33 credits above the M.Ed. degree. The degree must be completed within seven years from the date a student is admitted to the Ed.S. degree program. A student can take no more than one-third of the total credits in this program as a non-degree student before being officially admitted to the program. The Ed.S. degree requires 33 credits.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction Program, students must complete the graduate application and provide documentation that they have:

1. A master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university;
2. ~~An overall grade point average of 3.0 or better in the last 60 credits of undergraduate work prior to the granting of the bachelor's degree;~~
2. A Personal statement that describes the applicant's research interests vis-à-vis their professional trajectory and the anticipated benefit of a specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction.
3. An overall grade point average of at least 3.25 or better on all graduate work attempted;
4. ~~a. Minimum scores of 143 (quantitative) and 148 (verbal) and 3.5 (analytical writing) on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) for students with an undergraduate GPA above 3.5 and graduate GPA above 3.4;~~
~~b. Minimum scores of 145 (quantitative) and 153 (verbal) and 3.5 (analytical writing) on the GRE for students with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 to 3.49 and graduate GPA above 3.25 to 3.39;~~
~~c. Scores may not be more than five years old;~~
45. Two signed letters of recommendation on professional letter head that address applicant's academic skills and scholarly potential ~~from two professors and/or~~ ~~original supervisors/colleagues~~

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Subject: Re: proposed course and admission changes
Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 8:22:41 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Carman Gill
To: Rangasamy Ramasamy, Charles Dukes, Robert Shockley, Dale Williams
Attachments: image002.jpg, image003.gif, image001.jpg

Good morning,
No conflicts for CE. Have a good week,
Carman

From: Rangasamy Ramasamy <RRAMASAM@fau.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 4:39 PM
To: Charles Dukes <cdukes@fau.edu>; Robert Shockley <SHOCKLEY@fau.edu>; Carman Gill <gillc@fau.edu>; Dale Williams <DWILLIAM@health.fau.edu>
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Hello Charles,

I reviewed your course changes and admission requirements for doctoral programs. These changes do not conflict with the Department of Special Education programs.

Regards,
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Subject: RE: proposed course and admission changes
Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 4:08:54 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Dale Williams
To: Charles Dukes
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Please review the proposed changes and let me know if there is any conflict with programming in your respective departments.

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Sabrina Sembiante

From: Charles Dukes
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 3:18 PM
To: Sabrina Sembiante
Subject: FW: proposed course and admission changes

Please see the message below. I think this should complete our packet for the proposal.

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From: Robert Shockley <SHOCKLEY@fau.edu>
Date: Monday, November 7, 2022 at 3:02 PM
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Cc: Maria Vasquez <mvasque3@fau.edu>, Mary Lieberman <mlieberm@fau.edu>, Michael DeDonno <mmedonno@health.fau.edu>
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Charles,

After consultation with our Research Methodology faculty, this is to let you know that ELRM has no conflict with your proposal. We do ask that you include in your advising materials that EDA 6415 and EDF 6481 be listed as suggested or recommended pre-requisites, rather than required pre-requisites for EDF 7578 *Critical Foundations of Educational Inquiry*. We understand why you would like to drop the required pre-requisites for EDF 7578. Please see me if there are questions. Bob

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