Graduate Programs

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

Admission Requirements

Important information about applying to Graduate School:

✓ **Official Transcripts:** Official Transcripts and/or Official Foreign Credential Evaluations must be received from each college or university attended. For more information on how to send transcripts, please visit our [website](https://www.fau.edu/education/academicdepartments/ese/phd/).

✓ **Supporting documentation:** Supplemental documents should be uploaded as separate files as part of the online graduate application. NOTE: You will not be able to submit your application until all the supplemental materials are uploaded.

✓ **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.

✓ **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.

**Domestic Students**
- 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**
- 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
- A course-by-course evaluation of international transcripts required; FAU will evaluate them or it must be done by a NACES member
- TOEFL score of 500 or IBT of 61; IELTS 6.0; Duolingo 90

**Application Deadlines**

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

**International Students**
- Fall: February 15
- Spring: July 15 *Temporary extension: Oct. 1
- Summer: January 15