

## Admissions Information

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### Student Application Deadlines

Fall - July 15

Spring - November 15

Summer - April 1

A complete Graduate Application package includes the following:

- Application for Admission
- \$30.00 UCF Application Fee
- Official Transcript
- Residency Classification Form
- Student Health Services Form, including immunization records

### CEDHP Office of Graduate Affairs

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## Additional Resources

Department of Child, Family, and Community Sciences: [www.education.ucf.edu/cfcs/](http://www.education.ucf.edu/cfcs/)

Educators' Re-Certification Offerings - Teaching Students with Disabilities:

[www.education.ucf.edu/esi](http://www.education.ucf.edu/esi)

Exceptional Student Education:

[www.education.ucf.edu/exed/](http://www.education.ucf.edu/exed/)

ESE Advising for Exceptional Student Education:

[www.educationbridges.ucf.edu/adv/index.html](http://www.educationbridges.ucf.edu/adv/index.html)

Graduate Affairs: [www.education.ucf.edu/grad/](http://www.education.ucf.edu/grad/)

College of Graduate Studies: [www.graduate.ucf.edu/](http://www.graduate.ucf.edu/)

Undergraduate Affairs & Partnerships:

[www.education.ucf.edu/ugrad/](http://www.education.ucf.edu/ugrad/)

Office of Student Financial Assistance:

[www.finaid.ucf.edu/](http://www.finaid.ucf.edu/)

NUSELI: [www.urban-specialeducation.org/](http://www.urban-specialeducation.org/)

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## EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

### Program Overview



# EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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The mission of the Exceptional Student Education Program is to become a premier undergraduate and graduate program that prepares educators, researchers and scholars as leaders and advocates for persons with disabilities and their families.

In the quest for social justice and educational excellence, we will provide opportunities to engage in learning experiences which focus on research, technology, leadership, pedagogical content knowledge, differentiated instruction, evidence-based practices, equity and access through collaboration with local, state, national and international partners to meet the needs of all individuals and their families.

### CFCS Undergraduate Minor:

Website: [www.educationbridges.ucf.edu/Adv/Un/minor.html](http://www.educationbridges.ucf.edu/Adv/Un/minor.html)

### **Exceptional Student Education- 18 Credit Hours**

A minor is a complement to a bachelor's degree program. This minor is intended to provide a limited, but substantive experience in the fields of education and exceptional education. The minor is appropriate for students who are seeking an enhanced understanding of exceptional education or are considering a career in the field of education or related fields, and will strengthen the marketability of the student's major program. The minor does not lead to teacher certification nor admission to the College of Education and Human Performance.



### CFCS Graduate Certificate Programs:

Website: [www.educationbridges.ucf.edu/adv/Grad/cert.html](http://www.educationbridges.ucf.edu/adv/Grad/cert.html)

### **Special Education- 18 Credit Hours**

The Graduate Certificate in Special Education provides out-of-field teachers and students with some of the coursework needed to meet state certification requirements in special education. This certificate will help out-of-field teachers become more effective in their classrooms and will enhance the delivery of education to children and youth with disabilities.

### **Autism Spectrum Disorders- 12 Credit Hours**

The Graduate Certificate ASD provides additional training for professionals in Exceptional Education. Coursework focuses on knowledge, skills, and competencies for working with students with ASD. The program is composed of four graduate courses that can be incorporated into a master's program of study in Exceptional Education or taken as an add-on to an undergraduate or graduate degree. Individuals holding the Florida ESE teacher certification may apply the four certificate courses toward the State Endorsement in Autism. (Administrative Rule 6A-4.01796)

### **Intervention Specialist- 12 Credit Hours**

The Intervention Specialist certificate provides students with the opportunity to develop advanced problem-solving skills to target appropriate educational interventions in reading, mathematics, and behavior. Students who earn this certificate will acquire knowledge, skills, and competencies for working with all students within an intervention framework. This is a multi-disciplinary certificate and includes coursework in exceptional student education, school psychology, reading education, and math education.

### **Pre-Kindergarten Disabilities- 12 Credit Hours**

The Graduate Certificate in Pre-Kindergarten Disabilities provides bachelor's students and master's-prepared teachers the opportunity to obtain the requisite curriculum to become credentialed in the area of pre-kindergarten children with disabilities. Individuals holding ESE teacher certification may apply four certificate courses towards State Endorsement in Pre-Kindergarten. (Administrative Rule 6A-4.01792)

### **Severe or Profound Disabilities- 15 Credit Hours**

The Graduate Certificate in SPD provides additional training for professionals and students. Coursework focuses on knowledge, skills and competencies for working with students with SPD. Pending state approval, persons holding Florida ESE teacher certification may apply the five certificate courses toward State Endorsement in SPD. (Administrative Rule 6A-4.01793)



### CFCS Graduate Masters Programs:

Website: [www.educationbridges.ucf.edu/adv/Grad/index.html](http://www.educationbridges.ucf.edu/adv/Grad/index.html)

### **Exceptional Student Education K-12, M.A.**

- 39 Credit Hours

The Master of Arts in Exceptional Student Education K-12 program is for non-education majors or previously certified teachers in another content area.

### **Exceptional Student Education, M.Ed.**

- 33 Credits Hours

The Exceptional Student Education M.Ed. program prepares exceptional education teachers to work in programs serving Pre K-12 students with disabilities. The program is designed for teachers already certified in exceptional student education (or other certification in special education) to enhance their knowledge, skills, and dispositions.

### College of Education & Human Performance Doctoral Programs:

Website: [www.education.ucf.edu/exed/programs.cfm?id=2](http://www.education.ucf.edu/exed/programs.cfm?id=2)

### **Education, Ph.D. - 69 Credit Hours**

#### • Exceptional Education Track

The Exceptional Education track in the Education Ph.D. program is designed to prepare highly competent doctoral-level professionals to assume leadership positions in teaching, research and service in the area of special education.

### **Education, Ed.D. - 54 Credit Hours**

Website: [www.education.ucf.edu/prog\\_page.cfm?fid=61425956745341447F750D01031666435F5178740B0602](http://www.education.ucf.edu/prog_page.cfm?fid=61425956745341447F750D01031666435F5178740B0602)

The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program is designed as a professional practice doctorate for professionals in their field. The program consists of a core of eight courses in learning, development and motivation; data, accountability and leadership; and organizational contexts and the use of research to drive decision-making. One specific Ed.D. program is the National Urban Special Education Leadership Initiative. (NUSELI)

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