

Dear potential EdD student,

The application process is now open until December 1, 2009 for applicants interested in becoming a participant in the 2010 online Educational Technology Ed.D. Cohort at the University of Florida.

This degree is a major in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Educational Technology. The Educational Technology program at UF facilitates, studies and disseminates the ways in which innovative technologies and emerging physical, virtual and blended learning environments empower educators and learners and impact society. The program serves and prepares K-12 educators and leaders, postsecondary educators and leaders, instructional designers, educators in healthcare organizations, researchers, university faculty members and other educators using technology to support teaching and learning.

The online Ed.D. program requires an earned Master's degree. The doctorate requires a minimum of 60 credits beyond a Masters degree. Transfer credit decisions are handled by the Graduate School after you have been admitted into the program. No questions about transfer credit can be addressed until after a student is accepted into the program. The University's official policy on transfer of credit is located here: <https://gradschool.ufl.edu/archived-files/policy-manual-archived-copy.html#9.5.0.0>

There is an annual campus-based experience that is required for this program. The Fall 2010 cohort will meet June 18th & 19th at the University of Florida's College of Education. The campus-based experience is an annual requirement and will take place each year you are enrolled in the program. Future campus-based experiences will occur in the summer and will be one week in length.

We have included a survey for all prospective applicants located here:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB229MHS5E8NL>

This brief survey allows us to gain a more comprehensive understanding of our applicants. All responses are anonymous and no personal identifiers will be collected as part of this survey. The information you provide in this brief survey will be used to help us better understand the types of students interested in an online Ed.D. program. Because the survey is anonymous it will have no bearing on your admission to the University of Florida Educational Technology program. Thank you in advance for taking 5-10 minutes to complete this survey.

Please note the firm deadline of December 1, 2009. Notifications will be emailed by April 1, 2010 letting you know whether you have been accepted. This will give accepted individuals ample time to prepare for the June 18th and 19th campus-based experience.

Tips for Applicants

Applying online

If you choose to apply online, you are applying for a degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a specialization in Educational Technology. The online system currently requires that you select the Ph.D. option under degree type. When you get to this section, select Ph.D. then put next to the specialization "Ed Tech EdD."

Admission requirements

For complete information on the admissions process, please visit the following Web page: <http://www.coe.ufl.edu/school/Admissions/doctoral.html>. Remember, we are interested in learning about your academic abilities and your potential for success in a rigorous scholarly program. If you cannot obtain 3 letters of recommendation from university faculty, letters of recommendation from supervisors will suffice; however, we prefer to see letters from people with earned doctorates or those who can talk about your scholarly potential.

Statement of Purpose

The statement of purpose is a critical part of the application process. It can quickly and meaningfully separate you from the crowd. Your statement of purpose should clearly explain your vision of how a doctoral degree will enable you to meet your career goals and how this specific doctoral program enables you to best reach these goals. Take your time and reflect wisely.

Letter of Agreement

You must return a signed Letter of Agreement with your application. It is very important that you understand the cohort-based nature of this program and the importance of the campus-based experiences.

Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

You are required to provide an official GRE score in your application package on the verbal and quantitative sections only. In general, the average scores of candidates admitted into a doctoral program are Verbal -- 585, Quantitative -- 660. Please understand, we holistically evaluate all applications and the score on the verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE are considered data points of information about the applicant. This also allows applicants who are not strong standardized test takers to highlight their skills and abilities. Your GRE scores cannot be more than 5 years old. If you took the test more than 5 years ago, you are required to take the test again.

Finally, please read over the admissions process carefully (<http://www.coe.ufl.edu/school/Admissions/doctoral.html>). For questions related to the program, please contact Dr. Christopher D. Sessums at

cseffsums@coe.ufl.edu. For questions related to application materials and the graduate admission process in the College of Education, please email stlgradadmiss@coe.ufl.edu.