# Graduate Programs

## College of Education

**Degree:** Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)  
**Major:** Educational Leadership  
**Specialization:** Higher Education Leaders  

**Research Areas:** Community College/State College Leadership and Issues, University Leadership and Issues, Student Affairs Leadership in Colleges and Universities, Higher Education Policy – State and Federal, College/University Student Retention and Success.

### Important information about applying to Graduate School:

- **Transcripts:** Submit official transcripts in sealed envelopes from all schools attended.  
  NOTE: If you attended one of the Florida State University System institutions, transcripts may be requested electronically.

- **Supporting documentation:** Supplemental documents should be uploaded as separate files as part of the online graduate admissions 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.  
  NOTE: Application status will say incomplete until an admission decision has been made.

- **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.

## Admission Requirements

### Domestic Students

- Graduate GPA of 3.0  
- Three letters of recommendation  
- Personal objective essay  
- Resume  
- Interview with faculty

### International Students

- Graduate GPA of 3.0  
- Three letters of recommendation  
- Personal objective essay  
- Resume  
- Interview with faculty  
- 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: February 15  
- Spring: September 15

### International Students

- Fall: February 15  
- Spring: September 15

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