

**Florida Atlantic University
Masters Degree in
Exceptional Student Education
Alumni Survey**

Thank you for your willingness to share some information about your experience in the Department of Exceptional Student Education Department (DESE) at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). The purpose of this survey is to inquire about experiences while attending FAU in the DESE. We would like to ask some questions about what you did during the program and a bit about what you are doing now.

Completion of the survey is voluntary and should take no more than about 10 minutes to complete. You may skip any question you wish and you are free to withdraw from the study at any time without penalty.

The risks involved with participating in this study are no more than one would experience in regular daily activities. You may feel a bit uncomfortable about answering some of the questions, but again participation is voluntary and your answers have no bearing on past, present, or future participation in the DESE. We do plan to use your answers as well as others to gain a better understanding of how well we have served students and will also share this information in professional conferences and scholarly publications.

If you experience problems or have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, contact the Florida Atlantic University Division of Research at (561) 297-0777. For other questions about the study, you should call the co-principal investigator: Charles Dukes at (561) 297-1081. By clicking "Yes" below, you are giving consent to participate in this study.

Do you consent to participate in this study?

- ☐ Yes, I consent to participate in this study.
- ☐ No, I do not consent to participate in this study.

Program Experiences:

Rate your satisfaction with each of the following:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Somewh at Satisfied	Somewh at Unsatisfie d	Unsatisfie d	Very Unsatisfie d
Knowledge gained from your program of study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coursework included in the program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support from faculty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support from advisors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support during student teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preparation to teach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rate the following statements:

	Strongly Agree 1	2	3	4	5	6	Strongly Disagre e 7
Faculty members at FAU in the Exceptional Student Education Department (DESE) are approachable, helpful, and understanding.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Faculty members in the DESE hold students to high standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Faculty members in the DESE have high expectations for students like me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Students in the DESE have high academic aspirations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Students in the DESE help each other succeed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Students in the DESE work hard to succeed academically.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The DESE has a strong tradition of success for students like myself.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you were to start your graduate career again, would you choose the same university?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Which graduate project did you complete while in your program?

- ☐ Field Project
☐ Thesis
☐ Graduate Mentorship

If given a choice, would you have chosen a different option?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

Which graduate project would you choose?

- ☐ Field Project
- ☐ Thesis
- ☐ Graduate Mentorship

Were you employed at any time while you were pursuing your graduate studies?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

During your graduate studies, were you employed:

- ☐ Full time
- ☐ Part time

Upon graduation, did you:

- ☐ Continue in your current position
- ☐ Seek a new position

Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

- ☐ Employed full-time
- ☐ Employed part-time
- ☐ Not employed, seeking employment
- ☐ Not employed, not seeking employment

Which best describes your current position?

- ☐ Faculty/Adjunct/Staff/Administration position in higher education
- ☐ Administrative position at the district level
- ☐ Administrative position in a public school
- ☐ Administrative position in a private school
- ☐ Teaching position within a public school
- ☐ Teaching position within a private school
- ☐ Other

What is your current job title?

Are you satisfied that FAU prepared you to be successful in your current position?

- ☐ Very Satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat Satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat Unsatisfied
- ☐ Unsatisfied
- ☐ Very Unsatisfied

Are you satisfied with your current position?

- ☐ Very Satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat Satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat Unsatisfied
- ☐ Unsatisfied
- ☐ Very Unsatisfied

Think about your position in the last calendar year. How many hours in a typical week do you spend doing each of the following:

	0	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	25-30	30+
Academic Instruction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-academic instruction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Instructional Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsive behavior management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preventative behavior management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special education assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State-mandated assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classroom assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special education paperwork	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General education paperwork	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collaborating/consulting with other professionals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administrative tasks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supervisory Tasks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

How many classes do you teach within a day?

- ☐ NA
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7

How many teachers do you mentor?

- ☐ NA
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8+

Collectively, how many students do you teach?

- ☐ NA
- ☐ 10-20
- ☐ 21-30
- ☐ 31-40
- ☐ 41-50
- ☐ 51-60
- ☐ 61-70
- ☐ 71-80
- ☐ 81-90
- ☐ 91-100
- ☐ 100-110
- ☐ 111+

Collectively, how many students with disabilities do you teach?

- ☐ NA
- ☐ 10-20
- ☐ 21-30
- ☐ 31-40
- ☐ 41-50
- ☐ 50+

How well did your Masters program prepare you for your career?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Adequately
- ☐ Somewhat adequately
- ☐ Somewhat inadequately
- ☐ Inadequately
- ☐ Poorly

Since graduating, have you: (check all that apply)

- ☐ Taught students with disabilities
- ☐ Taught students without disabilities
- ☐ Worked with families
- ☐ Worked with other professionals other than educators

Have you completed an additional degree since graduating?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Which degree have you completed?

- ☐ Specialist
- ☐ Doctorate
- ☐ Other

Did you complete your additional degree at Florida Atlantic University?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Why did you choose to attend another university to further your education?

Are you currently pursuing additional education?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

What degree and field of study are you pursuing?

Are you planning to pursue additional education?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

What education do you plan to pursue (check all that apply):

- ☐ Certifications/endorsements
- ☐ Specialist Degree
- ☐ Doctoral Degree

What were the strongest aspects of the ESE Masters Program at FAU?

What suggestions do you have to improve the ESE Masters Program FAU?

Background Information:

What is your gender?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male

What is your age in years at the time of graduation?

- ☐ 18-21
- ☐ 22-25
- ☐ 26-30
- ☐ 31-35
- ☐ 36-40
- ☐ 41-45
- ☐ 46-50
- ☐ 51-55
- ☐ 56+

Which of the following categories best describes your racial/ethnic group?

- ☐ American Indian
- ☐ Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black/African-American
- ☐ Hispanic
- ☐ Pacific Islander
- ☐ White (Non-Hispanic)
- ☐ Other

Was English the primary language spoken in your home when you were growing up?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How many languages do you speak?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ More than 5

Please click the submit button to complete this survey.

You must consent in order to take this survey. If you do consent please click the back button below and answer "yes" to the question on the previous screen. Otherwise, click submit to exit the survey website.