

## Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) in Curriculum and Instruction

### *Program Description*

The **Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) in Curriculum and Instruction** is designed for students who wish to continue graduate studies beyond the Master's (M.Ed.) degree but do not desire the Doctor of Education degree (Ph.D.), which requires additional courses and a research dissertation. The Education Specialist Degree requires a minimum of 33 credit hours above the M.Ed. degree. The degree must be completed within 7 years from the date a student is admitted to the Ed.S. degree program. A student can take no more than 1/3 of the total credits in this program as a non-degree student before being officially admitted to the program.

#### **Core Courses: 12 credits**

- Take both of the following courses:  
EDG 7251 Curriculum for School Improvement  
EDF 7917 Instructional Policies and the Teaching Profession
- Take two of the following courses:  
EDG 6628 Documentation and Assessment in Curriculum and Instruction  
EDF 6637 Race, Class and Gender Issues in Education  
EDG 6285 Program Evaluation  
EDG 6223 Curriculum Leadership  
EDG 6935 Seminar in Curriculum  
EDH 6215 Community College Curriculum

#### **Research and Evaluation Courses: 6 credits**

EDA 6415 Introduction to Qualitative Analysis (Department of Educational Leadership)  
EDF 6918 Action Research in Schools and Communities

#### **Area of Specialization Courses: 12 credits at the 6000 level or above**

*Take 4 courses in one or two of the following areas:*

Arts	Mathematics	Social Studies
Curriculum	Multicultural Education	Technology
Early Childhood	Reading	TESOL and Bilingual Education
Foreign Languages	Research Methodology	*Other, in consultation with Advisor
Global Studies	Science	

#### **Capstone Experience: 3 credits**

The Capstone Experience, *EDG 7906 Directed Independent Study in Community Engagement*, implemented at the end of the Ed.S. program draws on a community or school-based independent study field experience designed by the Ed.S. student and her/his advisor. The Capstone culminates in a manuscript to submit for publication or a poster/paper presentation at a conference. The Capstone project (manuscript or presentation material) will be shared with faculty and graduate students at a colloquium, poster session or Research Brown Bag.

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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

For more information on our programs please contact the Department of Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry. The office is room 353 in the Education building on the Boca campus, phone (561) 297 6594. The department website is: <http://www.coe.fau.edu/academicdepartments/ccei/>

Admission to the **Education Specialist Degree (Ed. S.) in Curriculum and Instruction** requires submission of the graduate application form. You will find information about the application process at <http://www.fau.edu/graduate/>. You may complete the actual graduate application at <http://www.fau.edu/graduate/apply.php>.

For questions regarding your application status or general inquiries, please call the Graduate College Office at (561) 297-3624, the office of Student Services at the College of Education (561) 297-3570, or send an e-mail to [graduatecollege@fau.edu](mailto:graduatecollege@fau.edu). In addition, in order to be considered for the Degree Program, you must submit the following documentation, upon which departmental approval will be contingent:

- 1) Send in official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework
- 2) Show evidence of a bachelor's and a master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- 3) Have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 or better in the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate work, and a GPA of 3.25 or better in a completed master's degree program
- 4) Attain a minimum score of 1,000 on the general section of the GRE (quantitative and verbal combined). Note: Graduate Record Examination scores must not be more than 5 years old.
- 5) Be approved by the Department of Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry
- 6) Provide Letters of Recommendation from two supervisors and/or colleagues
- 7) Along with the application packet, turn in a professional statement describing career goals and reasons for wanting to enter the program. (*Note: Additional international student requirements may apply.*)
- 8) Participate in an interview with faculty members after the department has received the completed admission packet.

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All College of Education Programs are approved by the Florida Department of Education and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). This State and NCATE approval represents the transferability of your teaching credentials from state-to-state. Please keep and consult the Florida Atlantic University catalogue from the semester that you were admitted to the program, for more details regarding your program.