

**Florida Atlantic University  
Doctoral 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:**

[illegible]

**Rate the following statements:**

[illegible]

**Rate the following statements:**

	Strongly Agree 1	2	3	4	5	6	Strongly Disagree 7
The dissertation committee was helpful during the proposal development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I was able to access the substantive and methodological expertise needed to design and conduct a meaningful dissertation study.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I had adequate training and experience with the substantive and research issues related to my dissertation topic prior to actually conducting the study.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Dissertation Committee was aware of my progress and issues related to the study during the actual conduct of the research.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I was able to access the substantive and methodological expertise needing during the write-up and presentation of the final dissertation report.	<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

**If you were to re-do your dissertation would you choose the same topic?**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**Which topic would you choose?**

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

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**During your doctoral studies, were you employed:**

- ☐ Full time  
☐ Part time

**What employment position did you hold during your doctoral studies?**

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**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?**

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**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	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40
Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administrative Duties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Management or Supervisory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consultation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If you have a position in higher education, what is your average course load during an academic year?**

- ☐ NA
- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10

**If you have a position in higher education, what is the average number of students that you teach in an academic year?**

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

**If you have a position in higher education, what is the average number of students with disabilities that you teach in an academic year?**

- ☐ NA
- ☐ 1-5
- ☐ 6-10
- ☐ 11-15
- ☐ 16-20
- ☐ 20+

**Do you mentor others?**

- ☐ Higher education faculty
- ☐ K-12 educators
- ☐ Persons with disabilities
- ☐ Parents
- ☐ Other

**Who do you mentor?**

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**How well did your Doctoral program prepare you for your career?**

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

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

- ☐ Published a book
- ☐ Published a book chapter
- ☐ Published in a journal
- ☐ Been involved in conducting research
- ☐ Presented at a professional conference
- ☐ Worked with other professionals other than educators
- ☐ Secured grant funding
- ☐ Been an officer in a state, national, or international organization
- ☐ Been involved with a community advisory board or committee
- ☐ Provided service on a university, college, or department committee
- ☐ Provided service to the community
- ☐ Provided service to a parent or professional organization
- ☐ Held a review position (e.g., grant reviewer, journal reviewer)

**How many journal articles have you published?**

- ☐ NA
- ☐ 1-5
- ☐ 6-10
- ☐ 11-15
- ☐ 16-20
- ☐ 21-25
- ☐ 26-30
- ☐ 31-35
- ☐ 36-40
- ☐ 41-45
- ☐ 46-50
- ☐ 51-55
- ☐ 56-60
- ☐ 61-65
- ☐ 66-70
- ☐ 71-75
- ☐ 75+

**In which journal(s) have you published?**

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**Collectively, in a dollar amount, how much grant funding have you secured since graduation?**

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**Since graduation, I have presented at the following conferences: (check all that apply)**

- ☐ International
- ☐ National
- ☐ Regional
- ☐ State
- ☐ Local

**What were the strongest aspects of the ESE Doctoral Program at FAU?**

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

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## **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.**