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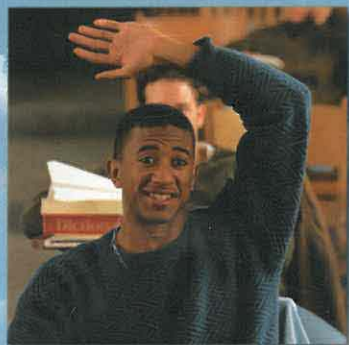
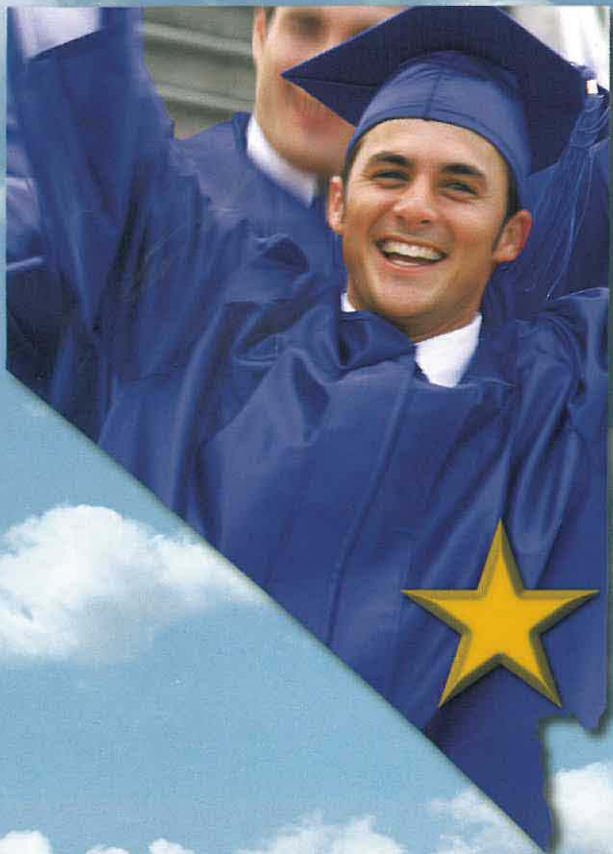
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Graduate Teacher Education Program



INNOVATIVE

## Program Director's Message:



*J. Troy Robinson, Ed.D.,  
Graduate Teacher Education  
Program Director*

Thirty-eight years ago, visionaries established an academic institution devoted to educational excellence and community service. Since then, Nova Southeastern University has developed into an internationally recognized educational institution. Currently, Nova Southeastern University (NSU) has more than 73,000 alumni. More than 21,000 students are enrolled in programs in 23 states and 12 countries.

NSU's Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services has long been recognized as a pioneer and leader in quality distance education for teachers, administrators, communication specialists, and others involved in education. As an institution of higher learning, we strive to be a valuable part of the communities we serve. We work to instill the qualities of compassion, dedication to service, and commitment to community in all of our students.

Nova Southeastern University established a presence in Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1978 with its Graduate Teacher Education Program (GTEP). From that day forward, GTEP has been proud to serve the Las Vegas community by providing programs for the working educator leading to initial and renewed licensing, professional development and endorsements, and master's and educational specialist degrees in a variety of disciplines.

The GTEP curriculum is flexible, innovative, exciting, and practical. The local faculty consists of practitioners who provide instruction and insight based on current employment experiences. The unique circumstances of the working professional are individually recognized. I invite you to go the distance with Nova Southeastern University at Las Vegas.

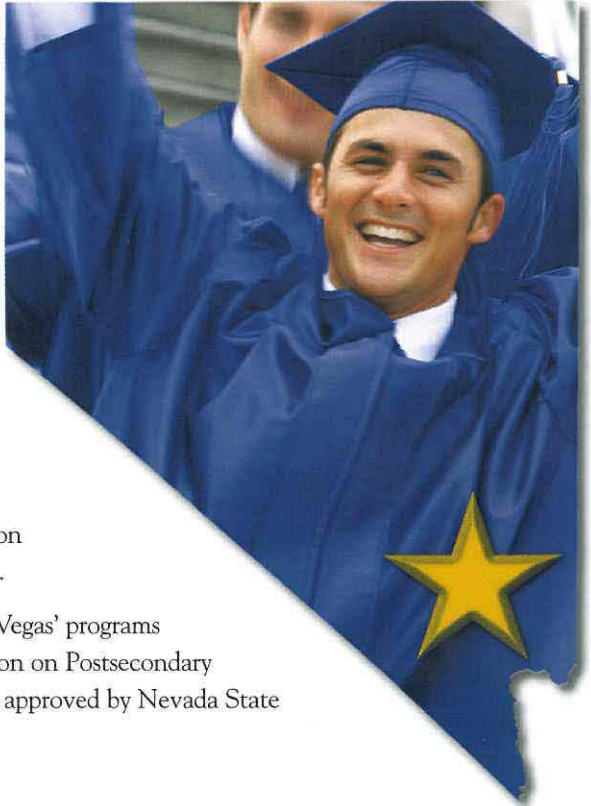
# NSU at Las Vegas

Nova Southeastern University is an independent, fully accredited, state-approved coeducational institution founded in 1964 as Nova University. The university is internationally known for innovation and quality in both traditional and distance education. Sites include Las Vegas, locations throughout the nation, and selected international locales; and the university continues to grow.

The Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services (FGSEHS) provides a number of postgraduate education study programs, including teacher education, educational leadership, higher education administration, child and youth studies, communications disorders, distance education and technology, addiction studies, and many others. In addition, FGSEHS offers an associate of arts program in early childhood education and a number of nondegree initiatives and avenues of study. FGSEHS is one of the largest graduate schools of education in the United States, with more than 10,000 students in more than 50 cities and 22 states. FGSEHS uses a variety of methods to deliver high-quality education in a manner that adapts to students' work schedules and locations, and meets individualized needs and objectives.

NSU's GTEP offers an array of specializations in education and school administration in a convenient manner. NSU at Las Vegas also offers undergraduate education and doctoral degrees in educational administration. The curriculum is designed to be exciting and flexible, innovative, yet practical, with small classes that allow for personalized attention and increased interactivity. The local faculty consists of practitioners who provide instruction and insight based on their current employment experiences.

Nova Southeastern University at Las Vegas' programs are approved by the Nevada Association on Postsecondary Education, and licensure programs are approved by Nevada State Board of Education.



## Message from the Chairperson



*Brendolyn Black,  
CCEA Community  
Foundation Chairperson*

Unbelievable is the only way to describe the progress made by the CCEA Community Foundation during our first year of existence. Teachers, students, and the community have greatly benefited from our opportunity grants, bilingual training, and parental involvement activities.

We now proudly introduce a new chapter to our continuing vision of enhancing the quality of teaching and learning in Clark County. Through a

partnership with Nova Southeastern University, we have created the CCEA Community Foundation Professional Development Institute.

Our institute will collaborate with NSU and the school district to offer teachers comprehensive professional development programs from the day they enter the teaching profession.

When completed, our institute will offer a variety of advanced degrees, PDE workshops, best practices laboratories, and mentoring services at affordable rates with “teacher-friendly” compressed schedules.

We believe that use of the institute will enrich you professionally and provide a consistent vehicle to manage your career growth. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful benefit and give us important feedback.





## The Vision for CCEA

A collaborative partnership with CCEA Community Foundation, the Clark County School District, and Nova Southeastern University has been formed to develop the CCEA Community Foundation Professional Development Institute. The institute will offer graduate level credits in a variety of study areas. The foundation will advertise, process administrative paperwork, and guide students in procedures outlined by NSU. NSU will provide resources toward administration of processing students and the foundation will provide on-site space for enrollment and processing students.

The foundation enthusiastically endorses our partnership with NSU and encourages all teachers to place their entire professional growth within the institute. The foundation will provide payroll deduction access to further encourage Clark County School District (CCSD) teachers to seek advanced degrees. Furthermore, our goal is to negotiate a specialist degree on the CCSD salary schedule and allocate more dollars toward advanced degrees.

The institute will become involved in recruiting National Board Certified teachers and will work to coordinate the collaborative efforts of NSU and CCSD to develop a postgraduate program toward that end.

The institute will provide a PDE (Professional Development Education) component that will have potential relevance for teachers who may later pursue advanced degrees seeking salary advancement or recertification. The foundation will work with NSU and CCSD to produce three PDE courses, offering booklets for spring, summer, and fall. The PDE offerings will concentrate in heavy areas of need, required TESOL, and innovative teaching techniques.

Creative planning for the graduate degrees available through the institute's coordination will enable teachers pursuing a degree in a particular specialization (such as urban education studies) to also attain the TESOL endorsement while completing the master's or specialist degree.

This is our vision for the CCEA Foundation Professional Development Institute. We hope that you will be a participant.



## 24 Years and Still Growing

Since 1978, Nova Southeastern University at Las Vegas has provided Graduate Teacher Education Programs (GTEP) for the working educator. The GTEP program currently has approximately 6,000 students in Nevada, Florida, and throughout the United States, all pursuing one of 38 specializations in a wide range of teacher education and teacher leadership fields.

The program focuses on four areas:

- growth in professional practice
- application of current research and theory to the students' professional work
- acquisition and enhancement of leadership capacities
- the achievement of individuals' career objectives

Courses are offered on Saturdays, after 5:00 p.m. on select weekdays, and in "mini" summer courses. This convenient schedule enables NSU at Las Vegas to meet the educational needs of teachers seeking additional areas of endorsement and offers those with a bachelor's degree in other fields an opportunity for a career change.

NSU at Las Vegas' programs are state approved, and NSU is a fully accredited institution (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools). This guarantees that completed course work will be accepted by the state and that it also meets professional educational licensing requirements.

# Here's What People Have to Say about NSU

"Earning a master's degree in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University has been beneficial for me in a number of ways. The experience and knowledge of the instructors along with the course work for the program have prepared me very well for the daily tasks for which I am responsible as a school administrator."

—*Denise Lupo,*  
*Assistant Principal,*  
*Herron Elementary School*

"Nova Southeastern University was at the top of our list when we began searching for a partner for our institute project. NSU's unique ability to combine credibility and flexibility were necessary components in developing this model collaboration.

The CCEA Community Foundation is proud to partner with Nova Southeastern University, and we are confident that our institute will greatly benefit teachers and students in Clark County. NSU will provide a first-class education in graduate studies for teachers en route to advanced degrees or more hours for important salary placement. The community foundation will work to make reaching your professional growth goals more affordable and attainable. This is a partnership which has been needed for a long time."

—*John Jasonek,*  
*Executive Director,*  
*CCEA Community Foundation*

"Pursuing my degree at NSU-LV was the best decision I could have made. It enabled me to quickly complete graduate-level certification and earn a master's degree while working full time. Curriculum was flexible, and there was a wide range of courses available to meet my needs."

—*Patrice Palmer,*  
*Student,*  
*NSU at Las Vegas*



PROFESSIONALISM





## Admissions Requirements

### **Getting Started: Provisional Admittance**

Students who want to get started on studies right away may do so through the Graduate Teacher Education Program's Provisional Admittance, which requires a student to

- have an earned baccalaureate or graduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- submit a graduate admission application form and application fee
- provide a copy of the highest-degree college and/or university transcript

### **To Continue: Full Admission**

- provide additional official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended
- if currently certified to teach, submit a copy of a valid professional or temporary teaching certificate

**Transfer Credit**

Six graduate credits from a regionally accredited college or university in teacher education may be accepted in the Graduate Teacher Education Program. The credits must be less than five years old, with a grade of B or better. Some specializations require matching courses for transfer.

**Financial Assistance**

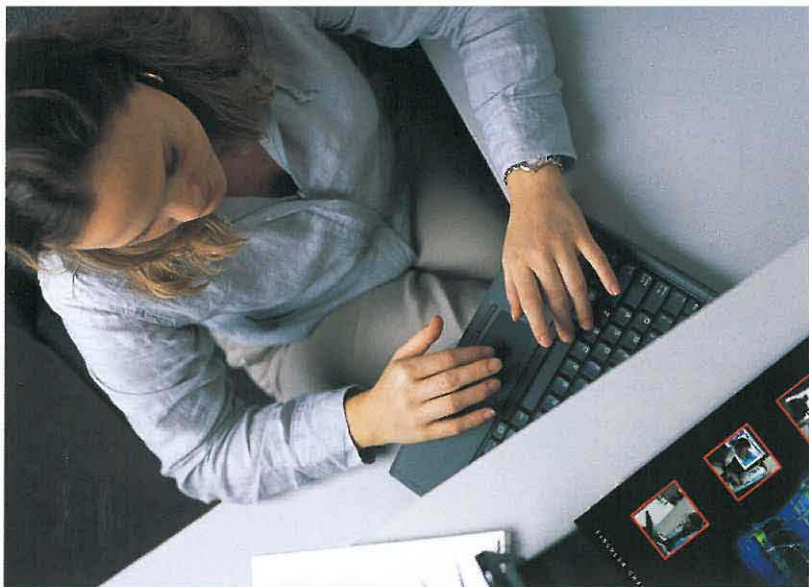
Nova Southeastern University's Office of Student Financial Assistance administers comprehensive federal, state, institutional, and private financial aid programs. For information, call 800-806-3680, or see the information on NSU's Web site, [www.nova.edu/cwis/finaid](http://www.nova.edu/cwis/finaid).

Degree-seeking students may be eligible for financial aid in the form of student loans and work-study programs.

Critical Teacher Shortage, Forgivable Loan Programs, and Reimbursement Programs may be available in some specializations.

Financial aid will only be disbursed when full admission status is granted. Students have 90 days to obtain full admission status once they are granted provisional admission.





## Areas of Study

All CCEA CF Institute Programs are delivered in cohort/cluster format.

### **Administrative and Teacher Licensure**

This listing of subject areas is designated by the Nevada State Board of Education as approved programs for licensing as a school administrator or teacher.

- Administrative Leadership
- Elementary Education
- TESOL
- Reading
- Education
- Educational Media
- Computer Science Education
- Special Education—Emotionally Handicapped
- Special Education—Generalist
- Special Education—Learning Disabled
- Special Education—Mentally Handicapped
- Secondary License—An endorsement must be added to the license if the license is to become an official document for teaching purposes. Since Nova Southeastern University does not offer course work for endorsement purposes, a person must earn the endorsement from another regionally accredited institution. Endorsements from another institution can only be accepted at NSU in the subject areas of mathematics, science, English, and social studies.

Students must declare their intentions regarding the license/endorsement that they will be pursuing.

Special one- or three-semester hour courses in two convenient configurations are also available for teachers who need a reading course to qualify for a license, or to remove the provisional requirement from the license. Call (702) 733-3063 for more information.

### **Master's Degree and Licensure**

This listing of subject areas is designated by the Nevada State Superintendent of Public Instruction as approved programs for licensure and the Nevada Commission on Postsecondary Education for the granting of degrees. The issuance of a teacher/administrator license is the responsibility of the Nevada Department of Education.

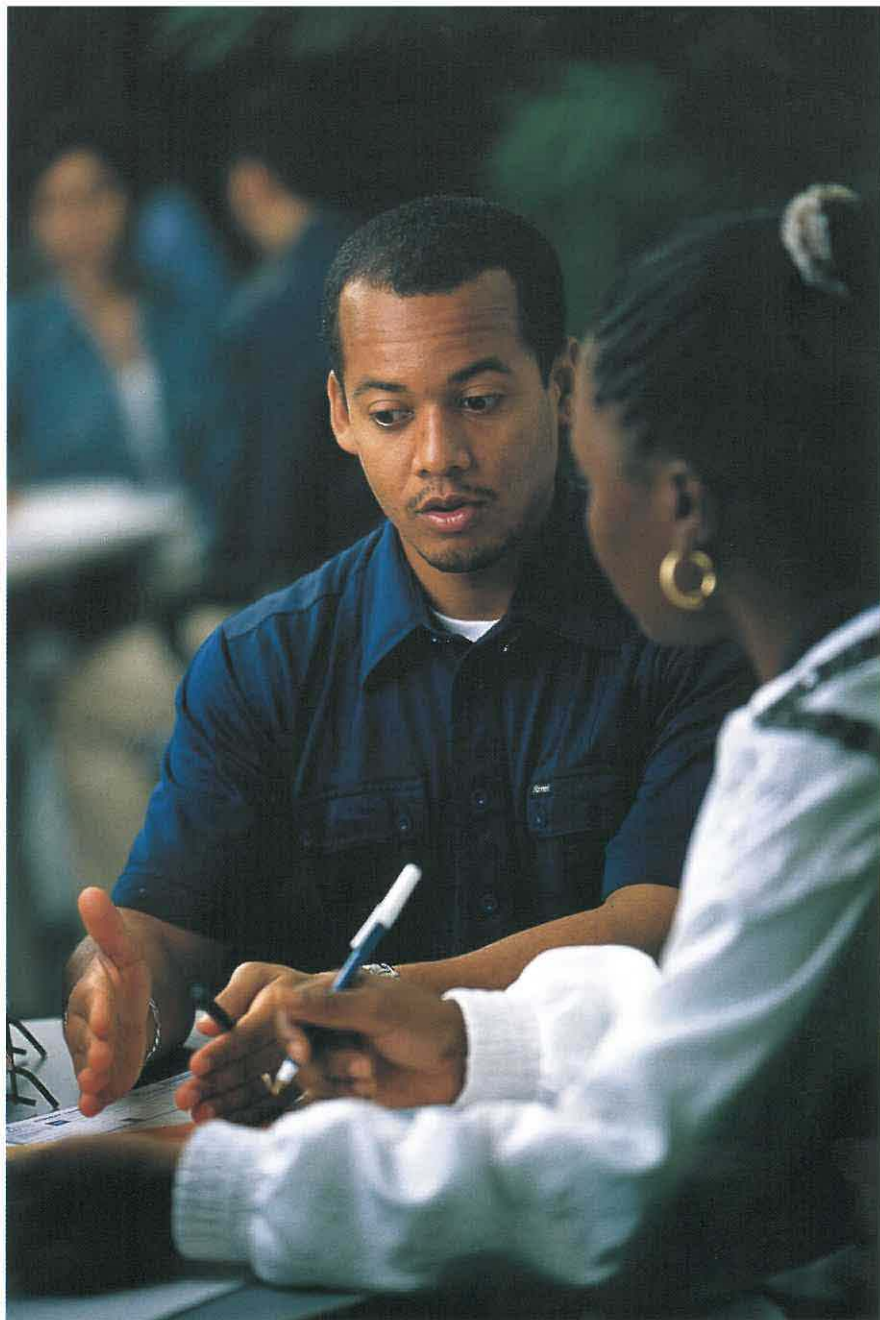
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### **Master's or Specialist Degrees Without Licensure**

This listing of subject areas includes those degrees in which the degree only (without licensure) may be granted through Nova Southeastern University.

- Urban Studies Education
- Sports Management
- Interdisciplinary Arts
- Literacy Education
- Innovative Teaching in Mathematics

CLUSTERS FORMING NOW



## Tuition and Fees

- Regular tuition rate = \$325/credit
- Discounted tuition rate for CCEA members = \$225/credit
- \$30 registration fee
- \$50 technology fee

For more information, please contact Kevin Nielsen at [knielsen@ccea-nv.org](mailto:knielsen@ccea-nv.org) or call (702) 733-3063.

# Provost's Message



*H. Wells Singleton, Ph.D.,  
Executive Provost and  
University Dean*

Welcome to Nova Southeastern University's Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services—one of the most dynamic forces anywhere serving the needs of children, families, and communities through educational advancement.

We have worked intently to analyze existing and emerging needs for education, to organize our tremendous resources to meet those needs, and to move "ahead of the curve" in developing and delivering educational services anywhere in the world, anytime they are required.

From teacher education to leadership and speech-language pathology, from educational improvements through administrative development and systemic reform, the Fischler Graduate School is a rapidly evolving entity that we believe will have a significant impact on the lives of individuals everywhere.

We invite you to learn about the Fischler Graduate School, and join us as we continue to move "ahead of the curve."



## Other Degree Programs Offered by FGSEHS

The Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services offers a number of degree programs. Additional degree programs include

### **Master of Science (M.S.)**

- Child and Youth Care Administration
- Early Childhood Education Administration
- Family Support Studies
- Instructional Technology and Distance Education
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Substance Abuse Counseling and Education

### **Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)**

- Adult Education
- Child and Youth Studies
- Educational Leadership
- Health Care Education
- Higher Education
- Instructional Technology and Distance Education
- Organizational Leadership

### **Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP.D.)**

For information about any of these degrees and programs, contact FGSEHS at (954) 262-8500 or 800-986-3223, ext. 8500; or locate us at [www.fgse.nova.edu](http://www.fgse.nova.edu) on the World Wide Web.

### **Notice of Nondiscrimination**

Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sex, age, nondisqualifying disability, religion or creed, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

### **Accreditation**

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

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CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT



If you want to accelerate the growth of your professional career and at the same time put more money in your pocket earning your master's degree, call (702) 733-3063 and ask to speak with a CCEA Professional Development Institute representative.



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