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"Ever since I was a little boy, I wanted to be a teacher. Growing up in the Bronx, I attended a very small school and was lucky enough to have a teacher as my neighbor. She inspired in me a love of learning, and once I enrolled at NSU's Fischler School of Education and Human Services, my love for teaching really developed into an all-out passion.

The academic focus, the individual attention, the hands-on experience—it was all spectacular. But, what I remember most fondly about the Fischler School is the incredible push and inspiration I received from my professors. Right after graduating, I was able to get a teaching job. Soon after that, I became the Broward County Teacher of the Year, and then, in 2001, Florida Teacher of the Year.

I believe that the way I learned at the Fischler School molded who I am as a professor and a leader. The classroom environment was not just textbooks, but an extension of reality. As the voice of more than 140,000 Florida teachers, I traveled the country and shared my expertise with universities and educational leaders. Above all, I reiterated what I had learned at the Fischler School: real-life experience makes for the best-prepared teachers."

Joe Balchunas is currently the principal of Chapel Trail Elementary in Pembroke Pines, an A+ rated school for eight consecutive years. In addition to his bachelor's degree, Balchunas received his master's degree in educational leadership at the Fischler School and will soon be pursuing his doctorate.
ARE YOU READY TO MOVE THE WORLD?

Take the advice of millions of professionals who have entered the workforce, found their niche, and discovered that doing what you love for a living makes your work more than just a job—it fills you with purpose, passion, and motivation. Do you want to inspire the ideas that move the world? Then you’ve come to the right place.

Nova Southeastern University’s Fischler School of Education and Human Services molds students into creative and confident professionals who bring out the best in themselves and every person they encounter. Our high-quality, multi-faceted curriculum is designed to give our students the skills to foster more innovative and effective learning environments.

With more than 41,000 alumni members, our students are building a new foundation of educational excellence for the 21st century in classrooms, organizations, and communities around the world.

You, too, can become the force that engages and motivates others to achieve their highest potential—and create a ripple effect that will be felt for generations to come.

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FISCHLER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES >

What you learn here and how you learn it will not only transform your life, but the lives of everyone around you. Serving more than 15,000 students in approximately 40 countries, Nova Southeastern University’s Fischler School of Education and Human Services is one of the largest schools of education at an accredited university in the United States.

When we opened our doors more than 35 years ago, we shattered the barriers of traditional learning, causing a ripple effect that can still be felt today. Online, on-site, or on our modern, 18-acre campus in North Miami Beach, Florida, our ideas, our approach, and our programs—found nowhere else in the nation—inspire our students to inspire the people around them to move the world.
Nova Southeastern University's Fischler School of Education and Human Services offers a variety of degree programs for students looking to inspire and influence the next generation by becoming classroom teachers.

**PROGRAM CHOICES**

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CONVENIENT DELIVERY OPTIONS

The Fischler School courses are offered in a variety of formats—on-site, online, or in some combination (blended)—to allow busy professionals to complete their degrees without leaving their jobs or traveling great distances.

**ON-SITE** courses are offered at our instructional sites throughout the United States and in approximately a dozen other countries.

**ONLINE** courses allow students to interact asynchronously in a virtual classroom.

**BLEND** programs combine on-site and online instruction. On-site courses are offered periodically over weekends and supplemented with online study.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Educators in all 50 states in the United States are required to hold professional certification/licensure. In order to meet the needs of students who are interested in becoming teachers, the Fischler School has designed its programs to expedite the process of achieving this goal. Please refer to the guide below to identify the programs that meet state department of education requirements.

**State Approved for Teacher Preparation**
These programs, designed for individuals pursuing bachelor’s degrees, lead to a professional or permanent teaching certificate/license or endorsement in a specified subject, grade, or age level, which is issued by the state.

**Degree Only**
These programs do not lead to a state-issued certificate/license and are designed for already certified/licensed educators who are seeking advanced study or recertification in their current fields.

LOCATIONS

The Fischler School has instructional sites in the following national and international locations:

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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)
IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
WITH ESOL ENDORSEMENT
(Florida and Nevada State Approved for
Teacher Preparation)
This B.S. program is designed for individuals who are interested in becoming classroom teachers at the elementary school level, working with children in kindergarten through grade 6. Students will simultaneously earn an endorsement in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

The program incorporates all newly required competencies leading to certification/licensure in the states of Florida and Nevada. Florida participates in the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification Interstate Agreement. Students in this degree program will have extensive clinical experiences in the community and in local schools.

Degree Components [120 credits]
- general education requirements [30 credits]
- program requirements [15 credits]
- major courses [51 credits]
- electives [12 credits]
- internship [12 credits]

Nevada degree components [118–122 credits]
- general education requirements [30 credits]
- program requirements [15–17 credits]
- major courses [57 credits]
- electives [4–6 credits]
- internship [12 credits]

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)
IN EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION
WITH ESOL ENDORSEMENT
(Florida and Nevada State Approved for
Teacher Preparation)
This B.S. program is designed for individuals who are interested in working with exceptional learners as classroom teachers at the elementary, middle, or high school levels. Students will simultaneously earn an endorsement in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

The program incorporates all newly required competencies leading to certification/licensure in the states of Florida and Nevada. Florida participates in the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification Interstate Agreement. Students in this degree program will have extensive clinical experiences in the community and in local schools.

Florida Degree Components [120 credits]
- general education requirements [30 credits]
- program requirements [15 credits]
- major courses [60 credits]
- electives [3 credits]
- internship [12 credits]

Nevada degree components [118–122 credits]
- general education requirements [30 credits]
- program requirements [15–17 credits]
- major courses [57 credits]
- electives [4–6 credits]
- internship [12 credits]

NSU is listed among the “Top 20 Cyber-Universities” by Forbes magazine.
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)
IN PREKINDERGARTEN/PRIMARY EDUCATION WITH ESOL ENDORSEMENT
(Florida State Approved for Teacher Preparation)

This B.S. program is designed for individuals who are interested in becoming classroom teachers at the prekindergarten/primary level, working with children age three through grade 3. This program includes the five courses required to earn an endorsement in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) in the state of Florida.

The program incorporates all newly required competencies leading to certification in the state of Florida. Florida participates in the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification Interstate Agreement. Students in this degree program will have extensive clinical experiences in the community and in local schools.

Degree Components (120 credits)
- general education requirements (30 credits)
- program requirements (15 credits)
- major courses (60 credits)
- elective (3 credits)
- internship (12 credits)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)
IN SECONDARY EDUCATION
with a concentration in Mathematics
(Florida State Approved for Teacher Preparation)

This B.S. program is designed for individuals who are interested in teaching mathematics at the middle and secondary school levels.

The program incorporates all newly required competencies leading to certification in the state of Florida. Florida participates in the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification Interstate Agreement. Students in this degree program will have extensive clinical experiences in the community and in local schools.

Degree Components (122 credits)
- general education requirements (30 credits)
- program requirements (15 credits)
- major courses (53 credits)
- electives (12 credits)
- internship (12 credits)
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

with a concentration in Biology (Florida State Approved for Teacher Preparation)

This B.S. program is designed for individuals who are interested in teaching biology at the middle and secondary school levels.

The program incorporates all newly required competencies leading to certification in the state of Florida. Students in this degree program will be required to participate in a three-week summer lab seminar at NSU’s main campus in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Degree Components [122 credits]
• general education requirements [30 credits]
• program requirements [15 credits]
• major courses [56 credits]
• electives [9 credits]
• internship [12 credits]

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) IN EDUCATION

with a concentration in Child Development [Degree Only]

This B.S. program is designed to provide professional preparation for individuals who are working with young children, with an emphasis on child development from birth to age eight.

The program addresses a variety of child development issues ranging from special needs, assessment, and observation to psychosocial development and parent/child relationships. The curriculum meets the standards of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) mandate for early childhood educators. This B.S. with a concentration in child development does not lead to certification for educators.

Degree Components [120 credits]
• general education requirements [30 credits]
• program requirements [12 credits]
• major courses [57 credits]
• emphasis requirements [12 credits]
  - Administration of Early Childhood Education
  - Applied Behavioral Analysis
  - Child Development Associate
  - Children with Special Needs
  - Developmental Curriculum
  - Early Literacy
  - Infant Toddler Development
  - Speech-Language Pathology
• electives [9 credits]

ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE PROGRAM

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

This A.A. program is designed for individuals who are currently employed in early childhood settings interested in earning their associate’s degrees with an emphasis in early childhood education.

The program’s academic component focuses on providing students with learning experiences through which they develop the knowledge, skills, and training required to meet the emerging standards for early childhood educators.

Degree Components [60 credits]
• general education requirements [36 credits]
• specialization courses [24 credits]
This dual-admission program is designed for individuals interested in securing admittance to the master's program in speech-language pathology. Eligible students will be accepted into the B.S. in Education degree program with a concentration in child development, and upon completion of their undergraduate requirements, matriculate into the M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology degree program.

The undergraduate degree program's emphasis area was strategically developed to meet the prerequisite requirements for the master’s degree program. Students who have been dually admitted and have successfully matriculated may begin graduate coursework the semester following conferral of their bachelor's degrees. In addition, they will each receive a tuition discount at the master’s level. The M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology degree program meets the necessary requirements for Florida licensure awarded by the Florida Department of Health and the Certificate of Clinical Competence awarded by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The program is also accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Degree Components (179 credits)

B.S. in Education with a concentration in Child Development with a minor in Speech-Language Pathology (127 credits)
- general education requirements (30 credits)
- program requirements (12 credits)
- major courses (57 credits)
- emphasis in speech-language pathology (28 credits)

M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology (52 credits)
- core courses (41 credits)
- electives (6 credits)
- labs and externships (5 credits)

This program is designed for individuals who are interested in earning bachelor's degrees leading to teacher certification in the state of Florida and master's degrees in education in an accelerated time frame.

The program allows students with associate’s degrees or equivalent general education requirements to earn their bachelor's degrees in one and a half years. In addition, graduates are eligible for tuition discounts on master's degree programs.

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Majors
- B.S. in Elementary Education with ESOL endorsement
- B.S. in Exceptional Student Education with ESOL endorsement
- B.S. in Prekindergarten/Primary Education with ESOL endorsement

Master of Science (M.S.) in Education Majors
- Athletic Administration
- Charter School Education Leadership
- Cognitive and Behavioral Disabilities
- Computer Science Education
- Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology
- Early Literacy Education with Reading Endorsement
- Educational Media
- Educational Technology
- Elementary Education
- English Education
- Environmental Education
- Exceptional Student Education
- Exceptional Student Education and Reading
- Gifted Education
- Interdisciplinary Arts
- Management and Administration of Educational Programs
- Mathematics Education
- Multicultural Early Intervention
- Prekindergarten and Primary Education
- Preschool Education
- Reading Education
- Reading and English for Speakers of Other Languages
- Science Education
- Social Studies Education
- Spanish Language Education
- Teaching and Learning
- Teaching English as a Foreign Language
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Urban Education
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.)
- in Early Childhood Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)
- in Applied Professional Studies with a concentration in Teaching and Learning
- in Education with a Concentration in Child Development
- in Elementary Education
- in Exceptional Student Education
- in Prekindergarten/Primary Education (Age 3-Grade 3)
- in Secondary Education with two concentrations
  - Mathematics
  - Biology

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.)
- in Criminal Justice with two specializations
  - Child Protection and Juvenile Justice
  - Substance Abuse
- in Education with 33 specializations
  - Athletic Administration
  - Charter School Education Leadership
  - Cognitive and Behavioral Disabilities
  - Computer Science Education
  - Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology
  - Early Literacy Education
  - Educational Leadership
  - Educational Media
  - Educational Technology
  - Elementary Education
  - English Education
  - Environmental Education
  - Exceptional Student Education
  - Exceptional Student Education and Reading
  - Gifted Education
  - High/Scope Early Childhood Education
  - Interdisciplinary Arts
  - International Education
- in Instructional Technology and Distance Education
- in Leadership with a track in Education and Human Services

MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.)
- in Cross Disciplinary Studies with a concentration in Education

MASTER OF HUMAN SERVICES (M.H.S.)
- in Child Protection with four concentrations
  - Child Protection and Juvenile Justice
  - Advocating for the Special-Needs Child’s Education
  - Family Systems and Support
  - Administration for Child Protective Services

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST (Ed.S.)
- with 15 specializations
  - Computer Science Education
  - Curriculum and Teaching
  - Curriculum/Instruction Management and Administration
  - Early Literacy and Reading Education
  - Educational Leadership
  - Educational Media
  - Elementary Education
  - English Education
  - Gifted Education
  - Mathematics Education
- in Prekindergarten/Primary Education (Age 3-Grade 3)
- in Reading Education
- in Science Education
- in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages [TESOL]
- in Technology Management and Administration

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (Ed.D.)
- in Education with 10 concentrations
  - Educational Leadership
  - Health Care Education
  - Higher Education
  - Human Services Administration
  - Instructional Leadership
  - Instructional Technology and Distance Education
  - Organizational Leadership
  - Reading
  - Special Education
  - Speech-Language Pathology
- in Instructional Technology and Distance Education

DOCTOR OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY (SLP.D.)
Nova Southeastern University (NSU), an independent, nonprofit university chartered by the state of Florida in 1964, is the sixth largest independent university in the United States. It is located on a 300-acre main campus west of Fort Lauderdale, with three other campuses in the South Florida area. NSU is licensed to operate in 30 of the 50 states and is alma mater to more than 103,000 graduates. The university, with more than 28,000 students, is an acknowledged leader in field-based and other distance education degree programs, offering associate's, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees across the nation and at selected international sites. NSU offers degrees in education, law, oceanography, computer sciences, business and public administration, psychology, the health professions, the liberal arts, and others.
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