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Cause an effect.
"My son has autism. When he was four years old, I enrolled him in Nova Southeastern University’s preschool for children with special needs. Within a year, I was also working at the school, and over the next 20 years, I earned two degrees at NSU’s Fischler School of Education and Human Services.

The most important thing to me was that my coursework was extraordinarily relevant; every assignment was directly applicable to problems in my work setting. Additionally, studying at the doctoral level gave me the rare opportunity to really delve deep into my field, to question the practices that many assumed were research based, and to find better ways to teach and, ultimately, succeed in getting children to learn.

After earning my degree, I created the Autism Consortium, a nationwide organization that helps teachers and school districts design programs, structure classrooms, and create curricula for children with special needs. The belief in this field is that the younger the child is when the disorder is treated, the greater the freedom the child ultimately has. My hope is that through the work I do, more kids will be able to thrive and enjoy the freedom of childhood, not just a childhood with disabilities."

Susan Kabot is the director of clinical and therapeutic services at the Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies. She makes strides every day toward improving the lives of children with autism, not only through the creation and administration of the center’s programs, but also by instructing the next generation of autism educators through the minor in autism that she developed for the Fischler School’s doctoral program.
Can You Spark Their Imagination? 

That first sparkle of understanding in a child's eye, the glimmer of excitement when he reads his first word, and those little fingers going up as she learns to count—these are the moments early childhood educators bring to life. Are you ready to spark a love of learning that will last for years to come? Then you've come to the right place.

Nova Southeastern University's Fischler School of Education and Human Services molds nurturing, patient leaders equipped to shape brighter futures for children and start them down the path to academic success. Our high-quality, multifaceted 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 early childhood educators are building a new foundation of educational excellence for the 21st century in daycare centers, classrooms, and beyond.

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

LIVES YOU TOUCH > THE LIVES THEY TOUCH >

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.
PROGRAM CHOICES
Nova Southeastern University's Fischler School of Education and Human Services offers degree programs for early childhood instructors at all levels—from classroom teachers to child protection and human services professionals to noneducators looking for new careers.

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Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) ➞ page 5
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- Human Services Administration
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- Instructional Technology and Distance Education
- Organizational Leadership
- Special Education
- Speech-Language Pathology

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- Prekindergarten/Primary Education

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- Administration for Child, Youth, and Family Support Programs

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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.

**BLENDED** 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 education professionals or interested in becoming them, the Fischler School has designed its programs to expedite the process of achieving this goal. Please refer to the guide below for further information about the nature of each program.

**Florida State Approved for Initial Certification**
These programs, designed for individuals with bachelor’s degrees in noneducation fields, lead to teaching certificates, issued by the state of Florida, authorizing each holder to teach or work with students at a specified subject, grade, or age level or to serve in a specific role in a school or district. Florida participates in the Interstate Agreement for Qualification of Educators that allows for reciprocity among 38 states.

**Nevada State Approved for Initial Licensure**
These programs, designed for individuals with bachelor’s degrees in noneducation fields or out-of-field educators, lead to teaching licenses, issued by the state of Nevada, authorizing each holder to teach or work with students at a specified grade or age level or to serve in a specific role in a school or district.

**State Approved for Certification/Licensure**
These programs, designed for already certified/licensed educators, lead to certificates/licenses or endorsements in a specified subject, grade, or age level or specific roles in a school or district, issued by the state, which can be added on to a current teaching certificate/license.

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

**Degree Only**
These programs do not lead to state-issued certificates/licenses 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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DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (Ed.D.)

This Ed.D. program offers students a menu-driven approach with flexible curriculum choices and instructional delivery options. Students gain expertise in their chosen concentrations and supplement those study areas with additional concentrations, minors in other areas, or with electives from multiple disciplines.

Each student will be required to earn a minimum of 66 credits as outlined in the program components; however, the student may choose to select multiple concentrations or electives of interest to complement the degree.

Students may elect to take their core seminars online or at one of our instructional sites, while concentration and elective courses will all be delivered completely online. All doctoral students are required to participate in the Conference on Global Leadership, Learning, and Research in Florida. First-year doctoral students are required to take a research course at the conference.

Core Seminars [18 credits]
All students are required to successfully complete the three core seminars. These foundation seminars are designed to enhance competence in these areas, which are prominent in any chosen discipline.

Core seminars include:
- Leadership
- Methods of Inquiry
- Trends and Issues

Research Elective [3 credits]
All students are required to elect one supplemental research course in addition to the research seminar. Throughout the research elective, students gain specific knowledge in the applied research method selected for their dissertation.

Research electives include:
- Advanced Program Evaluation
- Advanced Statistical Methods
- Measurement, Testing, and Assessment
- Mixed Methods
- Program Evaluation
- Psycho-Educational Assessment
- Qualitative Research
- Research Design and Methods
- Single Subject Research
- Statistical Methods
- Survey Research

Concentrations [18–24 credits]
The concentration component of the doctor of education allows students to maximize their knowledge and skills set in their current and/or an emerging fields. Concentrations require a minimum of 18 credits in the area of study, but may require up to 24 credits. Concentration courses must be taken online.

Concentrations include:
- Educational Leadership
- Health Care Education
- Higher Education
- Human Services Administration
- Instructional Leadership
- Instructional Technology and Distance Education
- Organizational Leadership
- Special Education
- Speech-Language Pathology

Electives/Minors [9–24 credits]
Through the electives component, students can individualize their doctoral degrees. Depending on the number of credits required in their main concentrations, students must complete the minimum 66-credit requirement using electives. These electives may also be applied toward a second concentration [18–24 credits] or a minor [15 credits]. Elective courses must be taken online.

Minors include:
- Adult Education
- Autism
- Brain-Based Leadership
- Charter School Education Leadership
- Conflict Resolution
- Curriculum Development
- Early Childhood
- Gerontology
- Human Resource Development
- School Business Leadership
- Urban Education

Applied Dissertation [12 credits]
The applied dissertation is a detailed, accurate, and cohesive account of a scholarly investigation designed to answer a research question directed toward the improvement of practice in education and human services. Research is distinguished by a theory-to-practice model encompassing a diversity of disciplines. Each student is assigned a faculty committee to facilitate and supervise the process.

The applied dissertation includes:
- Concept paper
- Proposal
- Applied dissertation report

*Ed.D. program not available at all instructional sites
EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST (Ed.S.) with a specialization in Early Literacy and Reading Education (Degree Only)
This Ed.S. program is designed for certified/licensed educators with master’s degrees in education who are interested in learning and applying current research and best practices in literacy and language development.

The program prepares students to effectively assess, promote, and teach age-appropriate literacy and reading skills during the early childhood years. This Ed.S. with a specialization in early literacy and reading education does not lead to certification/licensure for educators.

Degree Components (36 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Research Course (3 credits)
- Core Courses (12 credits)
- Specialization Courses (18 credits)
- Practicum (3 credits)

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST (Ed.S.) with a specialization in Prekindergarten/Primary Education (Age 3-Grade 3)
This Ed.S. program is designed for certified/licensed teachers with master’s degrees in education who are interested in researching current curriculum trends and innovations at the prekindergarten/primary school level.

This program focuses on assessing critical issues in early childhood education, analyzing cultural perspectives and influences on child development, and learning best practices in programs for young children. This Ed.S. with a specialization in prekindergarten and primary education does not lead to certification for educators. These courses can be applied toward the doctor of education degree program.

Degree Components (36 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Research Course (3 credits)
- Core Courses (9 credits)
- Specialization Courses (18 credits)
- Electives (6 credits)
MASTER OF HUMAN SERVICES (M.H.S.)
IN CHILD PROTECTION
with a track in
Child Protection and Juvenile Justice
This M.H.S. program is designed for educators working with children from birth through age eight who are interested in specializing in early literacy education and language development.

Offered at the University's Student Educational Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, the program prepares students to assess early literacy levels; develop age-appropriate, literature-based curricula; and deliver a solid foundation of reading skills. This M.H.S. with a specialization in early literacy does not lead to licensure for Nevada educators.

Degree Components (42 credits)
- Core Courses (15 credits)
- Applied Research (6 credits)
- Specialization Courses (15 credits)
- Electives (6 credits)

MASTER OF HUMAN SERVICES (M.H.S.)
IN CHILD PROTECTION
with a track in
Advocating for the Special Needs Child's Education
This M.H.S. program is designed for individuals working with special needs children within the social services and juvenile justice systems.

The program focuses on developing professionals with the knowledge and proficiency to identify the diverse natures of exceptional children in order to provide inclusive education, teach social and personal skills, and advocate for the proper education of special needs children.

Degree Components (42 credits)
- Core Courses (15 credits)
- Applied Research (6 credits)
- Specialization Courses (15 credits)
- Electives (6 credits)

MASTER OF HUMAN SERVICES (M.H.S.)
IN CHILD PROTECTION
with a track in
Administration for Child, Youth, and Family Support Programs
This M.H.S. program is designed for managers, directors, and administrators of child and youth agencies and family counseling fields.

The program prepares students to design and implement therapeutic programs for young children and adolescents and their families, with an emphasis on advocacy and leadership skills. Students will gain knowledge and proficiency in the development, administration, and supervision of child and youth care and family support programs. In addition, students will acquire an understanding of the legal and financial aspects of management programs for children and youths.

Degree Components (42 credits)
- Core Courses (15 credits)
- Applied Research (6 credits)
- Specialization Courses (15 credits)
- Electives (6 credits)
MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN EDUCATION
with a specialization in
Elementary Education with Reading Endorsement
(Degree Only)
This M.S. program is designed for educators working with children from birth through age eight who are interested in specializing in early literacy education and language development and earning Florida state-approved endorsements in reading.

The program prepares students to assess early literacy levels, develop an age-appropriate, literature-based curriculum, and deliver a solid foundation of reading skills. This M.S. with a specialization in early literacy education does not lead to certification/licensure for educators. Courses in the program meet the Florida Department of Education requirements for the reading endorsement.

Degree Components (36 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Research Course (3 credits)
- Specialization Courses (30 credits)
- Applied Experience (3 credits)

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN EDUCATION
with a specialization in
Elementary Education
(Degree Only for Nevada Educators)
This M.S. program is designed for educators working with children from birth through age eight who are interested in specializing in early literacy education and language development.

Offered at the university's Student Educational Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, the program prepares students to assess early literacy levels; develop age-appropriate, literature-based curricula; and deliver a solid foundation of reading skills. This M.S. with a specialization in early literacy does not lead to licensure for Nevada educators.

Degree Components (39 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Research Course (6 credits)
- Specialization Courses (30 credits)
- Applied Experience (3 credits)

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN EDUCATION
with a specialization in
Elementary Education with ESOL Endorsement
(Florida State Approved for Certification/Licensure)
This M.S. program is designed for practicing educators with valid teaching certification/licensure who are interested in working in elementary-level classrooms and earning endorsements in teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

This program focuses on skills for assessing and teaching literacy, mathematics, science, and the arts to children in kindergarten through grade 6. Experiences are infused with strategies to meet the needs of young, English-language learners. It meets Florida Department of Education requirements for certification in elementary education and ESOL endorsement. Florida participates in the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification Interstate Agreement.

Degree Components (40 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Research Course (3 credits)
- Specialization Courses (34 credits)
- Applied Experience (3 credits)
MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN EDUCATION

with a specialization in
Elementary Education
(Florida and Nevada State Approved for Initial Certification/Licensure)

This M.S. program is designed for individuals with bachelor's degrees in noneducation fields who are interested in working in elementary-level classrooms.

The program focuses on curriculum and teaching methods for children in kindergarten through grade 6. This M.S. in education with a specialization in elementary education is state approved in Florida and Nevada state approved for initial certification/licensure for classroom teachers in elementary education (K-6). The Florida certification program includes an endorsement in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). Florida participates in the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification Interstate Agreement.

Degree Components—Florida (59 credits, includes ESOL endorsement)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Research Course (3 credits)
- Core Courses (21 credits)
- Specialization Courses (26 credits)
- Internship (9 credits)

Degree Components—Nevada (48 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Research Course (3 credits)
- Core Courses (12 credits)
- Specialization Courses (18 credits)
- Electives (6 credits)
- Internship (9 credits)

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN EDUCATION

with a specialization in
High/Scope Early Childhood Education
(Degree Only)

This M.S. program is designed for early childhood educators who are trained or pursuing training through High/Scope Educational Research Foundation and are interested in earning master's degrees in education.

The program allows students to transfer an equivalent of 15 credits of approved High/Scope training toward the specialization courses of the master's degree. This M.S. with a specialization in High/Scope early childhood education does not lead to certification/licensure for educators.

Degree Components (36 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Research Course (3 credits)
- Core Courses (15 credits)
- Specialization Courses (15 credits)
- Applied Experience (3 credits)

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN EDUCATION

with a specialization in
Multicultural Early Intervention
(Degree Only)

This M.S. program is designed for experienced educators who are interested in gaining professional knowledge to provide services to young children and their families in multicultural school settings.

The program focuses on child development with an emphasis on cross-cultural considerations, special needs, and curriculum, while providing students with research and best practices in early intervention methods. This M.S. with a specialization in multicultural early intervention does not lead to certification/licensure for educators.

Degree Components (36 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Research Course (3 credits)
- Specialization Courses (30 credits)
- Applied Experience (3 credits)
MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN EDUCATION

with a specialization in
Preschool Education
(Degree Only)
This M.S. program is designed for individuals who are interested in working with children from birth to age three.

The program covers the theory and practice of preschool education, research issues in child and language development, and curriculum and assessment for infants, toddlers, and young preschoolers. This M.S. with a specialization in preschool education does not lead to certification/licensure for educators.

Degree Components (36 credits)
- Orientation (10 credits)
- Research Courses (16 credits)
- Specialization Courses (27 credits)
- Applied Field-Based Project (3 credits)

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN EDUCATION

with a specialization in
Prekindergarten and Primary Education
(Degree Only)
This M.S. program is designed for certified/licensed prekindergarten and primary educators looking for advanced training in their current fields.

The program focuses on literacy and language assessment and development, as well as an age-appropriate, play-based curriculum. This M.S. in education with a specialization in prekindergarten and primary education does not lead to certification/licensure for educators.

Degree Components (42 credits)
- Orientation (10 credits)
- Research Course (3 credits)
- Specialization Courses (36 credits)
- Applied Experience (3 credits)
MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN EDUCATION
with a specialization in
Prekindergarten and Primary Education
with ESOL endorsement
(Florida State Approved for Initial Certification)

This M.S. program is designed for individuals with bachelor’s degrees in noneducation fields who are interested in working in prekindergarten or primary grade-level classrooms, while earning their ESOL endorsements.

The program focuses on curricula and teaching methods for children age 3 through grade 3. Experiences are infused with strategies to meet the needs of young, English-language learners. It meets Florida Department of Education requirements for initial certification in prekindergarten/primary education and ESOL endorsement. Florida participates in the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification Interstate Agreement.

Degree Components (75 credits)
- Orientation [0 credits]
- Research Courses [6 credits]
- Specialization Courses [60 credits]
- Internship [9 credits]

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
with a specialization in
Child Protection and Juvenile Justice

This M.S. program is designed for individuals who are working with children and families within the social services and juvenile justice systems.

Offered through NSU’s Criminal Justice Institute, the specialization in Child Protection and Juvenile Justice prepares students to understand family dynamics, victimology, and the juvenile justice system.

Degree Components [36 credits]
- Core Courses [15 credits]
- Specialization Courses [15 credits]
- Electives [6 credits]

MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
with a specialization in
Prekindergarten and Primary Education
with ESOL endorsement
(Florida State Approved for Certification)

This M.S. program is designed for individuals with bachelor’s degrees in education and valid teaching certificates who are interested in working in prekindergarten or primary grade-level classrooms.

The program focuses on skills for teaching reading to, developing curricula for, and assessing children age 3 through grade 3. Experiences are infused with the strategies necessary to meet the needs of young, English-language learners. It meets Florida Department of Education requirements for certification in prekindergarten/primary education and ESOL endorsement. Florida participates in the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification Interstate Agreement.

Degree Components (42 credits)
- Orientation [0 credits]
- Research Courses [6 credits]
- Specialization Courses [33 credits]
- Applied Experience [3 credits]
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.

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 (51 credits)
• Electives (12 credits)
• Internship (12 credits)

Nevada Degree Components (120 credits) >
• General Education Requirements (30 credits)
• Program Requirements (15 credits)
• Major Courses (57 credits)
• Electives (6 credits)
• Internship (12 credits)

The program incorporates all newly required competencies leading to certification in the state of Florida. Students in this degree program will gain extensive clinical experience 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 EDUCATION >
with a concentration in
Child Development

This B.S. program is designed to provide professional preparation for individuals who are interested in working with young children, placing 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 (36 credits)
• Program Requirements (9 credits)
• Major Courses (54 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)
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

MASTER'S ACCELERATED PROGRAM

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 timeframe.

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, each graduate is eligible for a tuition discount 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
- Gifted Child Education
- Interdisciplinary Arts
- Management and Administration of Educational Programs
- Mathematics Education
- Multicultural Early Intervention
- Prekindergarten and Primary Education
- Preschool Education
- Reading Education
- 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 Studies Education

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.) IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

This A.A. program is designed for individuals currently employed in early childhood settings who are 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)
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

INITIAL CERTIFICATION PLAN
[Florida State Approved for Certification]
This program is designed to certify preservice teachers in Florida who meet Florida Department of Education subject area requirements.

The initial certification plan prepares noneducation majors at any degree level to enter the classroom by providing training in classroom management, instruction and planning, and assessment and evaluation. The courses in the initial certification plan meet the Florida Department of Education's requirements for initial certification for Florida educators. Additional certification criteria may be required.

Program Components (15 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Certificate Courses (15 credits)

CERTIFICATE IN COGNITIVE AND BEHAVIORAL DISABILITIES
This program is designed for certified/licensed special education teachers working with students with disabilities and seeking advanced training in one of three categorical areas: developmental disabilities, emotional and behavioral disabilities, or learning disabilities.

No degree is conferred upon completion; however, credits can be applied toward a master of science in education degree.

Program Components (15 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Certificate Courses (15 credits)

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDIES
This program is designed for individuals with master's degrees or higher who are interested in earning certificates of advanced graduate studies in one of the 20 fields of study listed below.

No degree is conferred upon completion; however, credits can be applied toward a doctoral degree in education.

Program Components (24 credits)
- Adult Education
- Autism
- Brain-Based Leadership
- Charter School Education Leadership
- Community College Leadership
- Conflict Resolution
- Curriculum Development
- Early Childhood
- Educational Leadership
- Health Care Education
- Higher Education Leadership
- Human Resource Development
- Human Services Administration
- Instructional Leadership
- Instructional Technology and Distance Education
- Organizational Leadership
- School Business Leadership
- Special Education
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Urban Education

CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION LAW
This program is designed for practicing educators and administrators in higher education, K-12 public and private schools and school systems, and early childhood centers.

Offered in conjunction with NSU’s Shepard Broad Law Center, the program focuses on new legislation governing the education system in the United States.

Degree Components (18 credits)
- Certificate Courses (18 credits)

AUTISM ENDORSEMENT
This program is designed for practicing educators with certifications in special education who are working with autistic children.

The program focuses on understanding the needs, assessment, and intervention of students with autism spectrum disorders. The courses in the program meet the Florida Department of Education’s requirements for an endorsement in autism and can only be added on to a certification in special education.

Program Components (12 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Endorsement Courses (12 credits)
GIFTED CHILD EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT

This program is designed for practicing and certified educators working with gifted children.

The program's academic components cover the nature and needs of gifted children and address educational techniques and creative development of the gifted child. The courses in the program meet the Florida Department of Education's requirements for an endorsement in gifted education and can be added only to a current teaching certificate.

Program Components (15 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Endorsement Courses (15 credits)

PREKINDERGARTEN DISABILITIES ENDORSEMENT

This program is designed for practicing educators with certifications in special education who are working with children in prekindergarten settings.

The program's academic components cover the nature and needs of young children with disabilities, as well as parental and community involvement. The courses in the program meet the Florida Department of Education's requirements for an endorsement in prekindergarten disabilities and can be added only to a certification in special education.

Program Components (12 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Endorsement Courses (12 credits)

READING ENDORSEMENT

This program is designed for practicing and certified educators working with children and adolescents in grades K-12.

The program teaches strategies for assessment and techniques for corrective and remedial reading. It meets Florida Department of Education requirements and can be added only to a current teaching certificate.

Program Components (15 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Endorsement Courses (15 credits)

CERTIFICATE IN SCHOOL SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The School Safety and Violence Prevention certificate program provides a comprehensive study of operational responsibilities and skills necessary for school officials charged with the safety and security of students and staff members.

The program focuses on developing the skills needed to identify potential barriers to securing the school site in emergency situations, coordinating a school safety plan that focuses on rapid and effective responses when a school emergency occurs, and addressing the emotional impact of a school emergency.

Program Components (9 credits)
- Mitigation and Prevention (3 credits)
- Emergency Preparedness (3 credits)
- Response and Recovery (3 credits)

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL) ENDORSEMENT

This program is designed for practicing and certified educators working with English-language learners.

The program teaches assessment and instruction strategies for teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). It meets Florida Department of Education requirements for TESOL endorsement and can be added only to a current teaching certificate.

Program Components (15 credits)
- Orientation (0 credits)
- Endorsement Courses (15 credits)
DEGREES AND MAJORS

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 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.) continued
- in Health Professions Education
- in Instructional Design and Diversity Education
- in Instructional Technology and Distance Education
- in Leadership with a track in Education and Human Services
- in Speech-Language Pathology

MASTER OF HUMAN SERVICES (M.H.S.)
- in Child Protection with four tracks
  - Child Protection and Juvenile Justice
  - Advocating for the Special Needs Child’s Education
  - Child, Youth, and Family Support
  - Administration for Child, Youth, and Family Support Programs

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST (E.D.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 Child Education
- Mathematics Education
- Prekindergarten/Primary Education (Age 3–Grade 3)
- Reading Education
- Science Education
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages [TESOL]
- Technology Management and Administration

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (E.D.D.)
- in Education with nine concentrations
  - Educational Leadership
  - Health Care Education
  - Higher Education
  - Human Services Administration
  - Instructional Leadership
  - Instructional Technology and Distance Education
  - Organizational Leadership
  - 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 about 90,000 graduates. The university, with more than 26,000 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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