



Educational Specialist



PROGRAM OVERVIEW »

The Educational Specialist degree is a “special” degree. Education is the only professional area that has a degree between the master’s and the doctorate.

- Students completing this program will understand potential issues and challenges should you pursue a doctorate.
- Students completing this program will be prepared for the realities of educational settings, producing high-impact educational research.
- Students graduating with this degree will be completing what is equivalent to doctoral dissertation chapters. Students are guided and mentored through the entire IRB process, learn the different types of research, design and conduct a study that is like what a doctoral dissertation process would be like.

Program Information

- Candidates proceed through the coursework in cohorts, beginning the spring semester.
- One year, 30 credit On-line program.
- Synchronous meetings on Mondays from 6 – 8 p.m.
- Students may transfer in up to 6 credits of Master’s-level coursework previously completed.
- 40% off In-Service Scholarship for those working full-time at a nonprofit or a private school as a teacher, academic coach, school counselor, paraprofessional, dean, or leadership position within the school or district.

FACULTY »

Our leading faculty members of the Department of Education are highly regarded among Stetson University students and graduates alike. Our faculty are always willing to engage with prospective students who are interested in the program. You may request an appointment with a graduate faculty member and our Office of Graduate Admissions will help you confirm the appointment.

Scan QR code on the back for a list of faculty and credentials.

It has never been a better time for an opportunity to dig deeper into an educational issue that appeals to you, and conduct practical-based application processes in order to help solve that issue. Take what you've learned as an educational leader and grow your knowledge in writing, presenting, and leading in providing a solution for that issue with an Educational Specialist degree at Stetson University.

PROGRAM OF STUDY »

- EDUC 629 – Affirming and Leading for Cultural Diversity in Education - 3 credits
- EDUC 644 – Educational Management and Systems Planning - 3 credits (may transfer into Educational Specialist program based on earned credits during master's degree program)
- EDUC 667 – Communication and Research Analysis for Educational Leaders - 3 credits (may transfer into Educational Specialist program based on earned credits during master's degree program)
- EDUC 650 – Seminar: Educational in an Era of Challenge - 3 credits
- EDUC 663 – Psychology of Instruction and Discipline - 3 credits
- EDUC 665 – Utilizing Educational Research - 3 credits
- EDUC 675 – Field Research I - 2 credits
- EDUC 676 – Field Research II - 2 credits
- EDUC 677 – Field Research III - 2 credits
- EDUC 685 – Directed Study - 3 credits

Graduation Requirements

You have two graduation requirements, which are integrated into your coursework:

- Conference proposal submitted to a professional conference based on your research.
- Final research paper completed and Oral Presentation to faculty committee.



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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

"WHY" AN EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREE

- District Curriculum Positions
- Professional Development Positions
- Mentoring for Research Publications
- Preparation for a Dissertation

GRADUATE TESTIMONIES:

"The Stetson EdS program was an enlightening educational journey. My favorite part of the program was the relationships that I experienced. From the most supportive and caring faculty to the best cohort anyone could ever ask for—truly a relationship-rich experience."

-Meg Young, EdS Class of December 2023

"Working in the EdS program gave me the confidence to boldly present and defend on a topic that I am passionate about. Working with the professors made each step along the way manageable. In addition, the friendships I made with colleagues in the cohort will last a lifetime."

-John Robinson, EdS Class of May 2024

"The Stetson Ed.S. program in Curriculum and Instruction allowed me to explore educational research methodology in a way that was relevant to my current role and profession, expanding my abilities to serve and meet the needs of the students, faculty, and community. The expertise and care of the professors were unparalleled and opened up new perspectives on educational research."

-Ted Banton, Principal, EdS Class of May 2024

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