

The Gifted Education graduate certificate program prepares educators to facilitate the unique learning skills of gifted students and ensures preparedness to provide accelerated academic opportunities for students with advanced educational needs.

UCF's program meets the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the National Association for Gifted Children standards for gifted education. The 15 credit hours earned in this program fulfill the professional development requirements necessary to apply for a Florida teaching certificate endorsement in gifted education. In addition, these credits can be applied toward a master's degree program in Curriculum and Instruction at UCF.

Because the Web is the sole means of course delivery, basic technical skills such as word processing, managing electronic mail, and navigating the Internet are required. For more information about online learning, visit UCF's Learning Online website at: <http://learn.ucf.edu>.

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Graduate Certificate Program in Gifted Education

Required Courses

EGI 6051 Understanding Gifted/Talented Students

Explore the nature of giftedness and the learning needs of students in relation to their intelligence, creativity, and culture.

EGI 6245 Program Planning and Methodology for Gifted/Talented Students

Develop skills and strategies for planning appropriate programs through a differentiated curriculum that is challenging and relevant.

EGI 6246 Education of Special Populations of Gifted Students

Examine critical issues that impact special populations of gifted students including the culturally and linguistically diverse, minorities, underachievers, disabled, disadvantaged, highly-gifted, and young gifted.

SDS 6426 Guidance and Counseling of Gifted/Talented Individuals

Develop skills and strategies to implement counseling programs for the unique socio-emotional needs of the gifted/talented student.

EGI 6305 The Nature and Development of Creativity

Explore research about the nature and development of creativity, the creative person, and the creative process.

Courses in this program have been specifically designed for delivery via the Web and integrate the most efficient group communication technologies to create interactive, collaborative learning communities.

Students and instructors may work both synchronously and asynchronously to discuss course content, projects, and experiences gained through the application of instructional principles for the gifted in educational settings. All students have an equal opportunity to participate in group discussions while having time to reflect upon the opinions and insights contributed by classmates.

Faculty members are highly qualified instructors with diverse professional backgrounds and have received international recognition for excellence in the field of gifted education. Course content is continuously reviewed to ensure that the curriculum reflects current trends and best practices in the field.

The program can be completed in one year and courses are available during summer term. Students are able to continue working and/or teaching while completing authentic, relevant online learning assignments. Please refer to the Graduate Catalog for the authoritative program description.

Gifted Education

What does it mean to be “gifted”? How are teaching strategies for gifted students different from effective practices that are relevant for all students? What are the unique socio-emotional needs of gifted students that should be considered in counseling? These questions will be addressed throughout the Gifted Education graduate certificate program.

Benefits of the Program

The UCF College of Education provides a unique opportunity for teachers and other professionals to earn a graduate certificate online while balancing the responsibilities of work, family, and professional development.

Benefits of the program include:

- Web-based delivery of courses
- Experienced, accomplished faculty
- Coursework meets NCATE’s standards for professional educators of the gifted
- All credits (15) may be applied toward a master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction
- Individualized advisement
- Enhancement of knowledge and skills related to gifted education
- Professional credentials and advancement

Target Audience

The Gifted Education graduate certificate program is designed for:

- K-12 classroom teachers
- Counselors
- Administrators
- UCF College of Education graduates
- Gifted education professionals
- Others interested in gifted education

Admission

In addition to the admission criteria established by the university, applicants must have a valid teaching certificate or graduate degree. Training provided by local school districts does not qualify for course credit within the program.

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