

Program Description:

The Doctor of Education Degree Program at the Fischler School of Education and Human Services of Nova Southeastern University prepares students for leadership and lifelong learning in the fields of education and human services. The doctoral program fosters in-depth application of knowledge and skills, inquiry and research, problem-solving, collaboration and communication, ethical behavior, and professional development. The graduates of the doctoral program will be recognized leaders in the areas of educational leadership, health care education, higher education, human services administration, instructional leadership, instructional technology and distance education, organizational leadership, reading education, special education and speech-language pathology.

Program format:

- Program (coursework and dissertation) is designed to be completed in 2-3 years. However, all degree requirements must be completed within **seven years** from the initial term of enrollment.
- 66 credit hours.
- The required core seminars are offered in a blended, on-site, cluster-based format.
- For those students desiring only an online delivery format, the core seminars may also be taken online.
- All concentration and elective (non-research) courses are offered in an online format, only.
- New students admitted three times a year.
- **\$845.00 per credit** – Program fee (subject to change).
- **Student Services Fees:** Students enrolled in two or more courses for a combined total of four or more credits will pay **\$250.00 per term**, not to exceed \$750.00 per year. Students enrolled in a single course of three credit hours or less will pay **\$125.00 per term**, not to exceed \$375.00 per year.
- **Registration fee: \$30.00 per term.**
- Applied Dissertation Services fees
 - Applied Dissertation Services begin at the 25th month (beginning of 3rd year) from the initial term of enrollment irrespective of registration records. At this time, students will automatically be placed in **ADS 8090-Applied Dissertation Services I**, per term, for a period of up to one year (3 terms). ADS 8090 has a \$100.00 tuition charge + services fees (subject to change). **Students who do not complete the program within this time period must register for ADS 8091- Applied Dissertation Services II.**
 - **ADS 8091- Applied Dissertation Services II** begins at the 37th month (beginning of 4th year) from the initial term of enrollment irrespective of registration records. At this time, students will be responsible for registering for ADS 8091- Applied Dissertation Services II, per term and every term thereafter after dissertation is officially approved by the Applied Research Center. ADS 8091 has a \$2,300.00 tuition charge + services fees (subject to change).

Term Structure:

- Winter Term: January through April *
- Summer Term: May through August *
- Fall Term: August through December
- * Classes start on or about the first day of the month.

Curriculum Structure:

Doctoral Studies Orientation	0 credits
Summer Conference	0 credits
Core Seminars	18 credits
Research Elective	3 credits
Concentration	18-24 credits

Minor or Electives	9-15 credits
<i>Minor</i>	<i>15 credits</i>
<i>Electives</i>	<i>9-15 credits</i>
Dissertation	12 credits
Total Prg. Credits	66 credits

Academic Progress:

Students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B average) or above in the first three required courses in the degree program.

DSO 8000 - Doctoral Studies Orientation:

The doctoral studies orientation provides students with an overview of six distinct areas related to doctoral studies to helping ensure success for doctoral students beginning the EdD program:

1. Academic Affairs
2. Enrollment Services
3. Applied Research
4. Distance Library
5. Technology
6. Debt Management

This non-credit online orientation is required for all students entering the doctoral program at the Fischler School of Education and Human Services. Students must register for DSO 8000 and complete the course prior to beginning course work. Students will have a maximum of two weeks to complete the orientation.

For additional information, please go to: <http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/dso>.

FSC 8000 - Summer Conference (Conference on Global Leadership, Learning and Research):

Students are required to attend a one-week long, Fischler School of Education and Human Services (FSEHS) Summer Conference (Conference on Global Leadership, Learning and Research) during the first summer term in which they are enrolled in the doctoral program. This one week summer conference includes attendance in one of the required doctoral research courses and workshops for the applied dissertation benchmarks. Students are also afforded the opportunity to attend featured sessions and presentations given by faculty, adjuncts, applied dissertation committee chairs and fellow students. For additional information, please go to: <http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/summer>.

*Regardless of location, all students are required to attend the Summer Conference.

Transfer of Credit Policies:

A maximum of **nine semester hours** of credit will be considered for transfer if (1) the credit was earned within **five** calendar years of request for transfer, (2) the credit was earned post-Master's degree from a regionally accredited university, (3) the content of the courses requested for transfer is equivalent to the study area courses in the program, and (4) a grade of A or B was earned in each of the courses requested for transfer. No credit for experiential learning or other forms of advanced standing will be granted. Exceptions to the maximum number of transfer credits allowed are made only with the approval of the Office of Academic Affairs.

Acceptance of graduate coursework from other colleges and/or universities is not guaranteed. Applicants who wish to request evaluation of prior coursework for consideration as transfer credit should fill out the Transfer of Credit request contained in the application and submit associated course descriptions and official transcripts at the time of application to the doctoral program.

Students currently enrolled in a FSEHS Ed.D. program should request and receive prior written approval from the Office of Academic Affairs before enrolling in any other institution's courses that are intended to be submitted for transfer credit. Credits earned at Nova Southeastern University are transferable only at the discretion of the receiving school. Students who wish to transfer credits from NSU should contact the admissions office of the receiving school for information.

Transfer of Credit from FSEHS Ed.S. Program

Students applying to the FSEHS Doctor of Education program may apply for a transfer of up to 15 credits from the FSEHS Educational Specialist degree as elective credits if:

- a) the credits were earned within the preceding five (5) years from the first term of enrollment
- b) the credits were at the 700 level or above
- c) the grade earned for each course was a B or better

Students wishing to apply for these transfer credits must complete the transfer credit application at the time of their application to the FSEHS doctoral program. For Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) specializations or programs of study see page 99 of the 2009-2010 Catalog and Student Handbook at:

<http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/fgshome/catalog/FSEHSCatalog2008-2009.pdf>.

Transfer of Credit Form is found on this website: <http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/doctoral/current/downloads.htm>.

Admission Requirements:

Provisional Admission

- Program Admission Application (<http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/doctoral/admissions.htm>).
- Unofficial copy of the Master's transcript showing the degree conferral date and a 3.0 GPA or higher.

NOTE: Reading, Speech Language Pathology and Nursing Concentrations applicants might have supplementary admission requires. Please contact an academic advisor to obtain additional information (1800-986-3223 Ext. 21546).

Please fax online application signature page and unofficial copy of the MS transcript to Enrollment Processing Services Department at 954-262-3608 or 3601.

*** If you want to complete the PDF version of the admissions application, please fax complete application to Enrollment Processing Services. However, we strongly recommend the online application form.**

Applicants who meet these requirements may register for Doctoral Studies Orientation (DSO) and first term of classes. Students will have 90-days from the official start of the term to turn in all remaining required admission documents in order to be fully admitted into the program.

Full Admission

- Program Admission Application***
- \$50.00 Application Fee
- official transcripts from all previously attended postsecondary institutions
 - An official Master's degree transcript from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum 3.0 GPA*.
 - All foreign transcripts should be submitted with the official evaluation
 - We require the agency to calculate the GPA and include it on the evaluation.
 - Evaluation Information: <http://www.naces.org/members.htm>
 - If you have earned a degree at a school that is not accredited by one of the regional or International accrediting associations/universities, please refer to the Alternative Admission Requirements.
- two professional letters of recommendation by two different individuals who can attest to your ability to succeed in a doctoral program*
- Students can submit two Recommendations for Admission Forms to meet this requirement*.

- MAT or GRE Test Scores. **The test must have been taken within the past five years.**
 - Miller Analogies Test (MAT) (800) 622-3231, <http://www.milleranalogies.com>.
 - Submit a test score report showing a raw score of 37 (scaled score between 391-396).
 - Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (609) 771-7670, <http://www.gre.org>.
 - Submit a test score report showing a combined score of 1000 on the verbal and quantitative sections
 - **Applicants that do not meet the minimum recommended test score are not required to submit additional information or retake the exam to be considered for admission.**
- Personal Statement of Goals**, found in this application on page 8.
- Submit appropriate Transfer of Credit Form, if applicable*.

* Admission forms are available online at: <http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/doctoral/current/downloads.htm>.

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For non-native English speakers

Applicants who have indicated a language other than English as their primary language on their application form will need to demonstrate English Language proficiency. This can only be done by submitting any one of the following:

- TOEFL score: 79
- IELTS score: 6.0
- SAT Verbal score: 480
- GMAT score: 450
- GRE score (Verbal & Quantitative): 1000
- Academia 2 certificate from NSU's Language Institute
- High School diploma or GED issued in the U.S.
- College Level Freshman English course passed with a grade of C or better

For international applicants

Applicants taking classes in certain Fischler School international clusters may be exempt from submitting MAT, GRE, and TOEFL scores. Please contact the Fischler School Office of Student Services at (954) 262-1546 regarding requirements for your international cluster.

Thank you for applying to Nova Southeastern University's Fischler School of Education and Human Services. If you have any questions, please call 800-986-3223, ext. 21546.

**Non-degree applicants are exempt from these admission requirements.

***Applicants considering the Nursing Education concentration, must be a U.S. Registered Nurse holding a current active U.S. nursing license and a Master's of Science degree in Nursing or a graduate of a foreign Master's degree in Nursing program.

***Applicants considering the Speech-Language Pathology concentration, must have a Master's degree in Speech language Pathology from an American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) accredited program and must also hold a Current Certificate of Clinical Competency (CCC) from the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association.

Admission Documents Delivery Format:

Send official transcripts to the following address:

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
Enrollment Processing Services (EPS)
Attn: Fischler School of Education and Human Services
P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Florida 33329-9905

Other documents could be faxed to Enrollment Processing Services Department (EPS) at 954-262-3608 or 954-262-3601.

Alternative Admission Requirements

If you have earned a degree at a school that is not accredited by one of the regionally or internationally accrediting associations/universities, you must submit the following information and documentation to petition for admission into a Fischler School of Education and Human Services program at NSU.

Alternative One

Submit an admission application packet and include a \$50 non-refundable application fee payment payable to NSU.

1. Send an official, course-by-course evaluation, with cumulative GPA, by one of the member organizations approved by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) available at www.naces.org/.
 - If the evaluation is not favorable, (i.e., does not indicate equivalency to a master's degree) applicant must complete the Career Portfolio. The portfolio must demonstrate academic and pedagogical growth appropriate for consideration into the applicant's academic goal. The Career Portfolio Guide is available at www.schoolofed.nova.edu/sso.

Send the portfolio and a \$350 non-refundable portfolio evaluation fee made payable to NSU to the following address:

Nova Southeastern University
Fischler School of Education and Human Services
Office of Student Services—Admissions Department
1750 NE 167th Street
North Miami Beach, FL 33162-3017

Alternative Two

1. Submit an admission application packet and include a \$50 non-refundable application fee payment payable to NSU.
2. Send evidence of an official license from one of the approved organizations below:
 - The National Board of License for Teachers and Principals (NBL)
 - Continuing Teachers License from Merkos Linyonei Chinuch International Board of License(MERKOS)
3. Submit the Career Portfolio. The portfolio must demonstrate academic and pedagogical growth appropriate for consideration into the applicant's academic goal. The Career Portfolio Guide is available at www.schoolofed.nova.edu/sso.

Send the portfolio and a \$350 non-refundable portfolio evaluation fee made payable to NSU to the address above.

Alternative Three

1. Submit an admission application and include a \$50 non-refundable application fee payment payable to NSU to the address above.
2. Send an official transcript from one of the following institutions:

- Binah Institute
- Brock University
- College of the Bahamas
- Dalhousie University
- GC Foster College of Physical Education
- Institute of Management and Production
- Jamaican Theological Seminary
- McMaster University
- Northern Caribbean University
- Talpiot College
- The University of Alberta
- The University of British Columbia
- The University of Guelph
- The University of Guyana
- The University of Ontario
- The University of Ottawa
- The University of Technology
- The University of Toronto
- The University of Victoria
- The University of Windsor
- The University of the West Indies (all campuses)
- York University

Note: The institutions listed above are subject to change without prior notification.

Financial Aid Eligibility:

Any student admitted provisionally is not eligible for financial aid. Provisionally admitted students are permitted to register for one term and must meet requirements for full admission status by the 90th day of the first term of enrollment or further registration will not be permitted. For additional information, please visit this website:

http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/sso/finaid_admissions_info.htm or contact a financial aid advisor at finaid@nsu.nova.edu or at 800-806-3680.

Doctoral Program Completion Timeline:

All degree requirements must be completed within **seven years** from the initial term of enrollment. Students who are unable to complete all degree requirements within **seven years** from the initial term of enrollment will be dismissed from the program. See FSEHS Policy 1.1.2 – Continuing Dissertation Services Fee for additional details.

Degree and Program Completion Requirements:

- Attend and pass all courses (54+ credits - depending on the chosen concentration and minor/electives).
- Complete the online Doctoral Studies Orientation (DSO 8000).
- Attend the mandatory summer conference (FSC 8000).
- Complete all testing requirements for their given program, if any (see a Doctoral Enrollment Counselor).
- Successfully complete Dissertation Work (12 credits).
- Be current in all tuition, fees, and miscellaneous charges (including books)
- Cumulative maintained grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
- Completed application for degree: <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/registrar/instructions.html>

Nevada students enrolled in the Educational Leadership concentration area are required to have a minimum of three years teaching experience before degree conferral.

Please Note: The official catalog of the Fischler School of Education and Human Services (FSEHS) is the governing document for all program-related information. Consequently, if there is any conflict between the information contained online and that contained in the catalog, the information in the catalog prevails. To access the FSEHS Catalog, please go to: <http://www.schoolofed.nova.edu/fgshome/fgscatalogs.htm>.