

Ph.D. Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Ph.D. program?

The Ph.D. program prepares doctoral students to become researchers, knowledgeable teachers, social activists, active seekers, thoughtful writers & speakers and leaders & collaborators.

When does the program start?

The Ph.D. program begins every Summer and Fall period. The application deadline is January 15 and interviews are held each Spring.

How do I apply?

You may apply for admission to GSU at graduate application online:

<http://education.gsu.edu/main/GraduateAdmissions.htm>.

Application and forms may also be obtained in the Office of Academic Assistance.

What degree and certification will I receive when I complete the program?

You will have a PhD in early childhood education - our college does not recommend for certification at the doctoral level but you would be eligible for a T-7 through application to the professional standards commission.

Can I work and take classes too?

Yes, most classes start at 4:30 or 7:15.

I have been teaching young children for many years. Will this experience count in my program

Yes. It is required of the applicant to have taken and passed the GRE exam with a score of 1000 (500/verbal and 500/quantitative).

What will I need to apply to GSU?

Application for Graduate Admission (on line application), application fee of \$50.00, a masters degree, 3.3 GPA on all previous graduate work, minimum GRE score of 1000 (500 verbal/500 quantitative), minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL and the Georgia Test of English Proficiency for international students, an autobiographical statement, a current vita, a sample of scholarly writing, 2 letters of recommendation, and professional experience with young children birth – 10 year.

Can I transfer credits into the Ph.D program?

You may transfer up to 18 hours from approved programs. the courses will be reviewed to determine a fit with your program of study.

Can I get someone to review my transcripts before I apply to GSU?

No, unfortunately we are unable to provide advisement or transcript evaluation unless a student has applied for admission.

What tests do I need to take to apply?

Applicant should have completed the GRE exam prior to entry in to the program and passing score of 1000 should have been received.

How much does it cost to attend GSU?

See the following website for complete information about tuition, fees, expenses and financial aid:

http://www.gsu.edu/ed/in_state_tuition_2007.html

Who will be my adviser?

Upon admission to the program, a faculty member will be assigned to act as a temporary advisor in planning the student's first semester of coursework. This temporary advisor assists the student until a Doctoral Advisor and a Doctoral Advisory Committee are established. The Doctoral Advisory Committee guides the doctoral student toward completion of degree requirements. Members of the Doctoral Advisory Committee serve as mentors and are closely involved with the student's learning and development. The permanent Doctoral Advisor and Advisory Committee should be established as soon as feasible but not later than the accrual of 27 credits coursework or one calendar year from the undertaking of coursework whichever comes first.

For additional information, For further information regarding Early Childhood Education and the Ph.D. Program, please visit our website at <http://education.gsu.edu/ece/>.

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