

UF College of Education

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UF Education Rankings

1st among education colleges in Florida

24th among public education schools of the elite AAU institutions

44th overall nationally

The college has three nationally ranked academic programs: counselor education (No. 2), special education (4), and elementary education (23).



Who We Are

The **UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**, founded in 1906, consistently ranks in the top 25 among public education schools in the elite Association of American Universities.

The college's national reputation for innovation—forged through pioneering initiatives such as Head Start, the community college system and the middle school movement—endures today. By partnering with public schools and communities across the state, UF education faculty engage in novel scholarship and research activities that enhance school improvement, student achievement, teacher preparation and professional development, and leadership development in all education disciplines.

Teaching is one of several career paths that UF education students can choose from. Today, nearly 1,900 students are enrolled in 20 bachelor's and advanced degree programs, offered within five academic units: • Counselor Education • Educational Administration and Policy • Educational Psychology • Special Education • School of Teaching and Learning.

To sustain the college's innovative edge deep into the 21st century, heightened emphasis on emerging technology, advanced graduate studies, public scholarship and interdisciplinary research will effectively prepare tomorrow's leaders in all education professions.

Key Initiatives: Public Scholarship

- A \$5 million grant is helping UF and partnering community groups launch a statewide school-readiness program for at-risk pre-schoolers, starting in Miami-Dade County;
- UF's new *FloridaTeach* and *Science for Life* programs, buoyed by some \$6 million in combined grant support, will help close the critical gap in math and science education;
- Special education researchers, under a \$1.6 million federal grant, are field-testing new strategies for helping students deal with anger management issues;
- New job-embedded, distance-education programs let Florida teachers earn master's in education degrees online from UF while remaining in their own classrooms;
- Teams of Counselor Education professors and students make regular visits to New Orleans, providing counseling services and evaluating strategies used to help local school teachers and their students cope in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Facts & Figures

Enrollment:	1,875 full-time students
Faculty:	116 full-time
External funds (research & training grants):	nearly \$7 million in 2006-07
Staff:	59
Minority students:	15 percent of total student enrollment
Alumni:	More than 29,000 total; 26,000 living
Degree programs:	20 in five academic departments, with 45 concentration areas

Affiliates, Centers and Institutes

P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School: Since its 1934 founding, UF's renowned laboratory school has served as a center of innovative educational program development and dissemination for K-12 students.

UF Alliance: A school-improvement partnership between UF and high-poverty high schools and middle schools across Florida, designed to improve teaching practices, leadership and educational opportunities for students in urban communities.

Center for School Improvement: Cultivates UF partnerships with Florida schools to provide novel, "inquiry-based" professional development programs as a primary method of school improvement.

Center on Personnel Studies in Special Education (COPSSE): Research by center faculty provides insights into critical special education issues concerning teacher preparation, quality and retention.

Institute of Higher Education: UF resident faculty provide mentoring, networking and continuing professional development opportunities for higher education practitioners and leaders, with special emphasis on Florida community colleges and underrepresented groups.

Lastinger Center for Learning: Mobilizes the expertise and resources of UF's interdisciplinary research community to improve teaching, learning and child well-being in schools and communities throughout Florida.

Investment Opportunities: UF's "Florida Tomorrow" Campaign

As part of UF's record \$1.5 billion capital campaign, which runs through 2012, the college's ambitious \$20 million fundraising goal reflects a commitment to transform all levels of education—from cradle to college to career advancement.

The top campaign priority calls for renovating and expanding historic Norman Hall to create an education research and technology complex, where UF researchers from multiple disciplines would adapt the latest information technologies to transform how education has been traditionally delivered.

The campaign also targets adding graduate fellowships and scholarships, endowed chairs and named professorships, and new research centers including an Early Childhood Center of Excellence.

For more information, contact UFCOE Development Office at (352) 392-0728, ext. 600; or toll-free at (866) 773-4504, ext. 600; or via email at development@coe.ufl.edu.



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Campus Enhancement	\$7.3 million
Education technology annex and renovations at Norman Hall	
Faculty Support	\$6 million
Endowed chairs	
Endowed Research Professorships	
P.K. Yonge Program for Teacher Renewal	
Graduate Student Support	\$1 million
Endowed fellowships	
Endowed scholarships	
Program Support & Research	\$5.7 million
Early Childhood Center of Excellence	
Strengthen outreach programs of national impact	
P.K. Yonge education and outreach in science, technology, engineering and math	
TOTAL	\$20 million