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Learning Matters

In America's schools, the stakes have never been higher. The world is changing fast, and in a highly competitive economy, a good education is one the few assets a person can hold on to, and no one can take away.

More than ever, parents are demanding proof that our schools are truly teaching their children. Businesses are more eager than ever to educate their employees, and to see that training produce demonstrable results. And students – from all kinds of backgrounds, with all kinds of abilities – are looking for help as they try to meet an ever rising academic standard.

The growing focus on academic results has created a huge demand for astute thinkers with a background in educational psychology. Who else can make sure standardized tests are fair? Who is better qualified to help students find their way to academic success, no matter what their learning style?

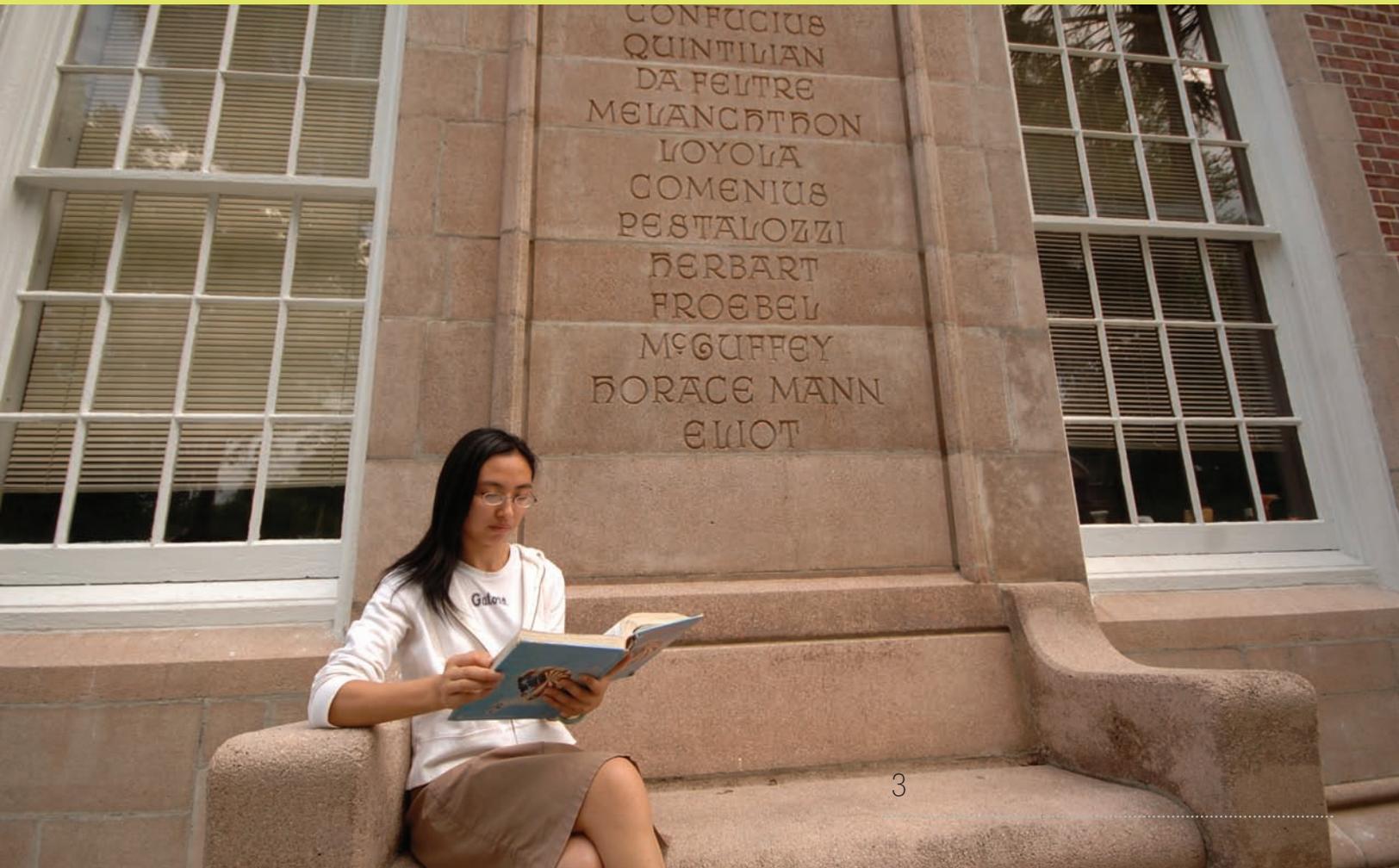
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Learning matters. Join us in



finding new ways to help everyone become a lifelong learner.

The University of Florida's Department of Educational Psychology is helping meet the need for trained educational psychologists while producing research that pushes the discipline in new directions. Whether they are practicing psychology in the school system, assessing the validity of statewide tests or helping private-sector organizations find better ways to educate their workers, UF graduates and faculty bring a fresh new perspective to the high-stakes world of 21st century education.



Why UF?

The University of Florida's College of Education was founded more than a century ago as Florida's laboratory for educational innovation. Today it is a leader in research movements that are changing the nation's educational landscape.

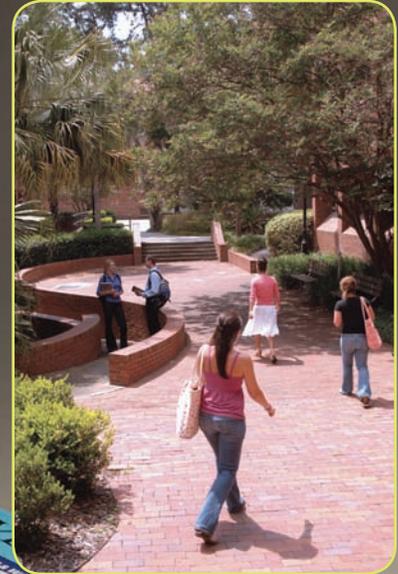
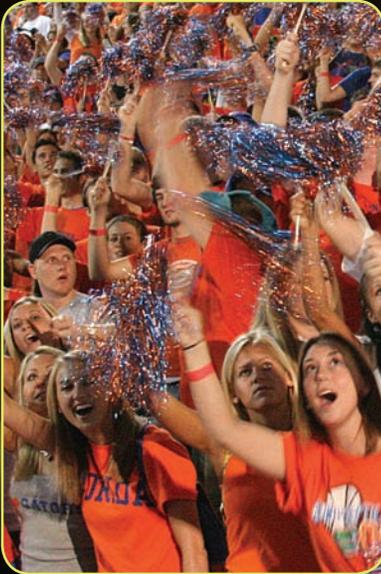
The College of Education is the highest-ranked college of education in the Sunshine State, and one of the highest-ranked public colleges of education in the nation.

We are often referred to as the "flagship" of Florida's college system – so with an educational psychology degree from UF, you will be in demand well beyond the borders of the Sunshine State. Our research has a nationwide reputation. Our School Psychology program is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) and approved by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and the Florida Department of Education (DOE), making our graduates employable anywhere in the U.S.

Grant and scholarship opportunities allow many of our students to work in paid teaching positions and even get tuition waivers while pursuing their degrees. Our tuition is quite reasonable compared to institutions of similar stature, and living in Gainesville is very affordable.

But the best reason to come to UF is the faculty. Our professors represent an eclectic mix of opinions and research specialties, and are leaders in their fields. If you want to learn about the latest innovations in research, without being bound to a single school of thought, UF is the place for you.

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RECENT NATIONAL RANKINGS

UF's College of Education

Top 10 In School Psychology
in faculty publications
in scholarly journals *

*Source: School Psychology Quarterly (2004, Vol. 19)

Top 25 among public education schools
of the elite AAU institutions

CONSISTENTLY!

Regularly ranked in the top 50
among all graduate education schools

-Source: U.S. News and World Report's
"America's Best Graduate Schools"

EDUCATION IN A CHANGING SOCIETY

Academics

The Department of Educational Psychology offers three separate programs to prepare students for careers in specialty areas in the field: School Psychology, Measurement and Statistics and "pure" Educational Psychology.

School Psychology

Our program in School Psychology prepares professionals to work in schools and other settings with students, parents, teachers and other professionals to promote the mental, social and academic development of children. Our program is fully accredited by APA and fully approved by NCATE/DOE and NASP, and our graduates are qualified to work in all 50 states. Ph.D. graduates are eligible to deliver psychological services in private practice as practicing psychologists in all states.

Measurement and Statistics

Our Measurement and Statistics program produces researchers who develop, evaluate and apply methodology for student assessment, program evaluation and research in education. Graduates can advance to faculty positions at universities, work as consultants for state or local school systems, or design and evaluate assessments for major testing companies.

Educational Psychology

Students in the Educational Psychology program learn to conduct well-constructed research addressing core issues in development, cognition and learning. Graduates of the program pursue academic careers in colleges and universities and also seek employment in local, state and federal agencies, both public and private.

Degrees offered: M.Ed., M.A.E., Ed.S. and Ph.D.

UF offers three career paths



Work with the Best

If you want to learn from accomplished researchers who are also expert teachers, UF's Department of Educational Psychology is the place for you. Our faculty are masters of research design: other colleges send their students here to learn the basics of methodology. Our professors have years of teaching experience in the college classroom and the K-12 school system.

We believe in diversity of opinion. Our faculty come to their task from many different schools of thought, and our students benefit by being exposed to an eclectic range of philosophies.



for students in Educational Psychology.

Measurable Results: Our Research at Work

The educational psychologist is an unsung hero of the school system. Without the psychologist's expertise, we would not be able to measure the learning that goes on in the classroom, spot the stumbling blocks that cause earnest students to fail academically, or step in to make the classroom a better place to learn.

That's why our faculty have been able to touch the lives of literally millions of students with their research.

They have acted as consultants to state boards of education, monitoring the validity of the tests that form the heart of any school accountability program. They have pioneered new forms of assessment – like automated systems for grading essays – that bring a new dimension to traditionally murky grading systems. They are traveling the world to study how learning styles differ from country to country, and they are bringing new ideas home with them.

Our faculty ask the fundamental, tough-to-answer questions that baffle and intrigue the finest minds in the field. How do we know the results of standardized tests are consistent from year to year? How do words become images in the mind of a reader? We ask the big questions that seem like theory today, but promise to shape classroom practice in the future.

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School Psychology Program

UF's School Psychology program prepares practitioners and scholars whose activities promote the psychological and educational development and well-being of children and youth. Grounded in a scientist-practitioner model, our program infuses its academic and professional preparation opportunities with both science and practice.

Work opportunities as a School Psychologist

Our graduates are able to use a wide variety of methods to consult with families, educators and other professionals; to design and implement direct and indirect interventions tailored to individual and group needs; to develop prevention and other intervention programs that promote optimal development; and to evaluate the effectiveness of interventions, programs and other school psychological services.

In its recent survey, U.S. News and World Report included school psychology on its list of "Top 25" careers. The majority of school psychologists work in public elementary and secondary schools – but a school psychology degree can also lead to work in mental health centers, private clinics, hospitals, state agencies and universities. Some school psychologists also go into private practice on a part- or full-time basis and serve as consultants. A number of recent Ph.D. graduates of the School Psychology program have taken academic positions at universities.



Measurement and Statistics Program

Quantitative methodologists – the experts who render the “soft” issues of social sciences into hard numbers – form the core of any respected university social science program. These experts are in short supply. Graduates of UF's Measurement and Statistics program enter the professoriate with skills that are in high demand.

In fact, the number of faculty positions in the field of educational psychology is rising, and there are often not enough qualified candidates to meet the demand for these jobs. With a degree from the Department of Educational Psychology, you enter the job market with sought-after skills and UF's excellent reputation behind you.





Educational Psychology Program

UF's Educational Psychology program prepares individuals to have cutting-edge skills in:

- designing and conducting research that will enhance learners' cognitive, social, emotional and motivational development
- implementing research that may be applied to enhance learning in real-world settings such as schools and businesses

Graduates typically pursue careers as college and university professors who teach and conduct research, but there are many opportunities for our graduates to pursue careers in industry, schools and governmental agencies – anywhere there is an interest in human productivity, communication and learning.

Special features of the Educational Psychology program include:

- an innovative specialization in the cognitive psychology of reading in which students investigate human cognition and how it is applied to understand the complex processes involved in reading
- a co-major in educational psychology and psychology (with a specialization in developmental psychology) in which students develop expertise in human development and education

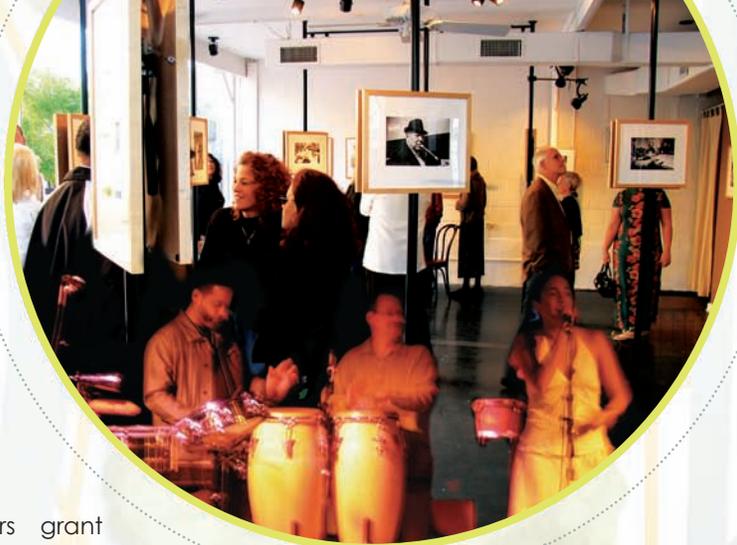
Each of these new specializations enables our students to pursue careers in multiple fields, including cognitive psychology, human development and educational psychology.

BIG Dreams, Reasonable Living

We're not the only top-notch educational psychology program in the country. Given the shortage of educational psychologists, we're glad to have company in the top ranks.

Still, we do stand out from the crowd, in the eclectic approaches of our faculty and the personal attention they afford to their students. With one faculty member for every six graduate students, UF's graduate degree candidates can expect to work closely with faculty who are among the leaders in their field.





UF offers grant opportunities that allow many of our students to teach or conduct research while pursuing their degrees. These opportunities, combined with UF's reasonable tuition and the low cost of living in Gainesville, make UF a sensible choice.

Come to Gainesville, and you'll find an environment rich in intellectual stimulation – both on campus and off. Gainesville is a mid-sized city with a population of nearly 50,000 students at its core. It's no surprise that this city was named the No. 1 city in America in the recent book *Cities Rated and Ranked*. Our urban landscape combines many of the charms of small-town life with an edgy creative community of the sort you'd expect to find in a much larger city.

Gainesville, Florida



UF is the adopted home of scholars from all over the world. If you're capable of sparking scholarship and committed to making a better world for children, you belong here. Come join us.

About the College of Education

The University of Florida's College of Education, founded in 1906, consistently ranks in the top 25 among public education schools in the elite Association of American Universities (AAU). 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 with novel scholarship and research that enhance school improvement, student achievement and leadership development in all education disciplines.

Contemporary Points of Pride include:

- A \$5 million grant funding the college's major role in a statewide school-readiness program, starting in Miami;
- A key role in UF's Science for Life initiative, designed to close the critical gap in science education;
- The Counselor Education program's hold, since 1996, on a Top 5 national ranking in the U.S. News surveys;
- A \$1.6 million federally funded study designed to help students deal with anger management issues;

To sustain the college's innovative edge deep into the 21st century, heightened emphasis on emerging technology, advanced graduate studies, interdisciplinary research, and crucial partnerships with at-risk schools throughout Florida will effectively prepare tomorrow's education leaders at every level.

About UF

The University of Florida, one of the nation's five largest universities, serves approximately 50,000 students on a single campus. With 16 colleges, 100 undergraduate programs, 200 graduate programs and 30 combined programs, UF is among the nation's most academically diverse public universities. More than \$500 million annually supports diverse research, including health care and the world's largest citrus research center. UF is a leader in the number of patents awarded and the transfer of biotechnology to the marketplace. International leadership in environmental, economic and societal sustainability has been recognized by the Smithsonian Institution's Conservation Award and designation as the world's first university to become a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary." With more than 35,000 employees and 330,000 alumni throughout the world, the University of Florida in Gainesville is "The Foundation for The Gator Nation."

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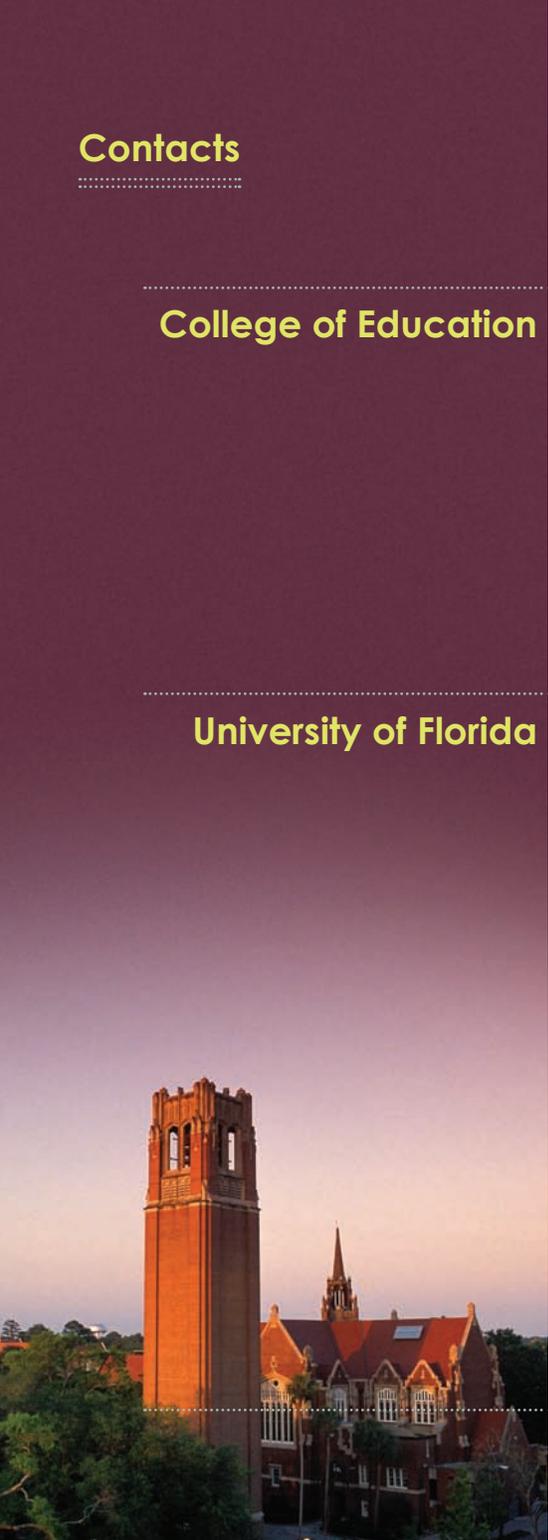
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