The Bachelor’s Program in Exceptional Student Education (ESE) prepares students to teach in K-12 inclusive and self-contained settings. Students who graduate from the program are eligible for Florida Professional Teacher Certification in ESE, Reading and ESOL and are credentialed to teach a variety of subject areas at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Coursework focuses on differentiating instruction to meet the needs of all students through experiential learning, hands-on activities and instructional and assistive technology.

FIELD EXPERIENCE
Students spend over 700 hours completing field experience and internships alongside highly-qualified K-12 cooperating teachers. While interning, students participate in all school-based activities including IEP (Individual Education Plan) meetings and staff trainings.

PROFESSORS AS MENTORS
Students work side-by-side with faculty to develop content knowledge and expert teaching skills in technology-rich Connected Classrooms. Personalized instruction and career guidance are provided upon admission, through graduation, and beyond.

PARTNERSHIP WITH BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Students participate in the most current professional development trainings offered by the college and school district. Principals and district administrators serve as visiting faculty members and guest speakers. During their final semester, students attend a Mock Interview Event with public, charter, and private school principals.
ALUMNI SUCCESS

The program has an outstanding reputation for producing Florida’s most well-prepared teachers. Students are often sought after by local principals, even prior to graduation. Current alumni include Pre-K and Elementary teachers, Middle and High School teachers, as well as ESE Specialists, Reading Coaches, and STEM Coordinators. Alumni have been awarded local and national grants and Teacher of the Year honors.

RECOGNITION FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Students who maintain an outstanding GPA are invited to join Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education. Membership in this prestigious organization is highly regarded in the field of education, as members participate in philanthropic events in the community, such as the Dan Marino Walk for Autism and Relay for Life. Scholarships are available to Kappa Delta Pi members for undergraduate and graduate studies.

Prerequisite Courses

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

EDF1005: Intro to the Teaching Profession
EDF2085: Intro to Diversity & Exceptionalities for Education
EME2040: Intro to Educational Technology

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