

University of Central Florida

College of Graduate Studies



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA



Why go to graduate school?

- Acquire deeper knowledge and understanding of a chosen discipline
- Allow for more opportunities to advance in your career
- May be required by your future position
- Prepare you to become a leader in your field and society
- It is more fun than undergraduate education!



Types of Graduate Programs

- Certificate
- Masters
- Specialist (Education Only)
- Doctoral



Certificate Programs

Non-degree seeking programs comprised of a specialized group of academic courses, usually requiring around 12 credit hours.

- Suitable for those who would like to increase their expertise in a certain area of knowledge but are not interested in a degree-seeking program
- Offerings at UCF include Nonprofit Management, Career Counseling, Fundraising, Professional Writing, and SAS Data Mining
- UCF has over 73 graduate certificate programs



Masters Programs

Degree programs, usually requiring a minimum of 30 credit hours beyond the Bachelor's Degree.

- Suitable for students who would like to increase their expertise in a particular area of knowledge, generally following their undergraduate degree
- Masters programs may require a thesis or additional coursework in place of a thesis (non-thesis)



Specialist Programs

Degree seeking programs specifically for those practicing in Education, who wish to further specialize within an Educational subfield.

UCF offers 3 specialist programs:

Education EdS

Educational Leadership EdS

School Psychology EdS



Doctoral Programs

Degree seeking programs that can range widely in credit hour requirements.

- This is a terminal degree and is suitable for graduates who would like a career in academia or whose field of interest requires this type of degree such as research positions.
- Doctoral programs require a dissertation (a substantial paper written on an original topic of research).



Graduate Education at UCF

UCF currently offer 192 Post-Baccalaureate programs

Arts & Humanities

Business Administration

Education & Human

Performance

Engineering & Computer Science

Graduate Studies

Health and Public Affairs

Hospitality Management

Medicine

Nursing

Optics and Photonics

Science



Resources

Website

www.graduate.ucf.edu

Full list of graduate programs

<http://www.graduatecatalog.ucf.edu/programs/>

Online Application

<https://application.graduate.ucf.edu/>



Standard Application Materials

- Undergraduate Transcripts
- Academic References
- Goal Statement/Essay
- Résumé
- Test scores (GRE/GMAT)
- Interview/Portfolio



What are departments looking for?

- **Academic credentials**
 - GPA & GRE or GMAT scores
- **Past experience**
 - Professional, research, community service
- **Skills**
 - Analytical, problem solving, research, leadership
- **Personality**
 - Potential for growth, motivation, determination



How do I prepare?

- Develop relationships with faculty and mentors in private industry
- Develop presentation and interview skills
- Continue to develop and hone your writing skills
- Create your resume now - a work in progress
- Become an active member of organizations that are important to you and your related field of study
- Prepare for standardized test-taking



Ready to Answer Questions

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