Applied Research and Evaluation Certificate Program (Online)

Degree Requirements: 12 Credit Hours

Program Description
The Applied Research and Evaluation Certificate program consists of four 3-credit hour graduate-level courses in the College of Education, all of which will be delivered online. This certificate offers students the opportunity to develop fundamental research strategies and apply this knowledge in various situations. Courses in the program provide students with hands-on experience collecting and analyzing data, interpreting data, and preparing findings for research reports. These skills will be useful for individuals seeking or employed in a professional position where evaluation and assessment are required to monitor and maintain high quality services.

This graduate certificate can be completed as a stand-alone program or in conjunction with a complementary master’s degree. Example academic disciplines where a master’s degree may be heightened by an Applied Research and Evaluation certificate include psychology, sociology, mental health, criminology, public health, or education.

Admission Requirements
1. Complete requirements for a Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.
2. Present a cumulative 3.0 (4.0 scale) grade point average or higher on all undergraduate and graduate work combined.
3. Submit a personal statement of purpose, approximately 500 words, that identifies the applicant’s reasons for pursuing certificate program.

Program of Study
Prerequisite
Educational Research (EDUR 7130) is a prerequisite to the certificate program. Successful applicants to the certificate program who have not completed Educational Research (EDUR 7130) (or equivalent) will be provisionally admitted. Following successful completion of Educational Research (EDUR 7130) (grade of B or better), students will be moved from provisional to regular admission status in the program.

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<td>EDUR 8131 Educational Statistics I</td>
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Students who complete this certificate in good standing (cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0) may apply to the online M.Ed. program in Evaluation, Assessment, Research, and Learning. Admission requirements for the M.Ed. program include submission of competitive Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. Successful applicants will receive credit for certificate coursework (12 hours or 15 hours if Educational Research (EDUR 7130) is required) toward the M.Ed. degree if the Applied Research and Evaluation certificate has been completed within the last 3 years. The M.Ed. requires a total of 36 hours with advanced coursework in evaluation, assessment, research, and learning.

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