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Department of Educational Leadership

**Doctor of Education in
Developmental Education**



**Grambling State
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Introduction

Grambling State University's graduate programs in developmental education include the master's degree and the nation's only doctoral degree in developmental education. These programs are designed to prepare researchers, practitioners and leaders for postsecondary education, business, industry, government, and human service agencies. Developmental educators work both in the traditional classroom and in the workplace, using a variety of skills, including counseling, administration, management, instructional design and training to help the non-traditional learner.

Throughout the programs, emphasis is placed on the developmental nature of learning, the needs of non-traditional learners, and the importance of practical applications. Program graduates will have a sound theoretical background and will be able to translate this background into educational applications in a variety of settings.

Our program includes a liberal transfer of credit policy and a residency requirement that may be met through either full-time, part-time or summer study. As a result, we are able to offer a graduate degree program to meet the needs of practicing professionals, as well as those who wish to take advantage of full-time study. Residency may be satisfied through attendance at consecutive summer sessions or a combination of summer session and regular academic year attendance.

The program offers four options: Curriculum and Instructional Design, Higher Education Administration and Management, and Student Development and Personnel Services. Graduates may seek positions as instructional leaders, administrators, and managers in a variety of agencies and organizations.

If you wish to apply for admission to our graduate programs, please write to Head, Educational Leadership, Grambling State University, P.O. Box 4305, Grambling, Louisiana 71245, or call (318)274-2238.

Admission Requirements

1. Apply to the School of Graduate Studies and be admitted as a degree-seeking student for the EdD in developmental education. The application requires official transcripts from all colleges or universities previously attended, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, a master's degree from an accredited institution, and three reference rating forms completed by persons who have knowledge of the applicant's academic/professional ability.
2. Apply to the Department of Educational Leadership and be admitted to the EdD program in developmental education. The application requires a complete vita. Among other things, the vita must provide evidence of three years of successful experience in teaching or other related work.
3. Have a minimum 3.0 GPA on the last graduate degree earned.
4. Present acceptable scores (as defined by the Department of Educational Leadership) on the verbal, quantitative, and analytical tests of the GRE). to the department head. (These scores may be submitted after initial matriculation.)
5. Complete a personal interview (if required by the department admissions committee), which may include a written essay. (These may be completed after initial matriculation.)
6. An individual can be conditionally or provisionally admitted to the Graduate School if he or she does not have GRE scores or three references. Such persons are permitted to take a limited number of courses while submitting those final documents to the Graduate School.

Applicants for advanced graduate degrees in the College of Education must present a complete portfolio to be eligible for the interview conducted by the Admissions Committee. The committee meets regularly to consider students for admission in the fall, spring and summer semesters. Portfolio contents, admissions regulations and other pertinent information are presented below.

Candidate Portfolio Contents

- *Assessment Data (GRE scores, undergraduate and graduate GPA, all Transcripts)
- *A Personal Resume (part of the application packet)
- *Samples of any published materials
- *Reference forms (Three)

Degree Requirements

The Doctor of Education in developmental education prepares executive-level educational leaders for work in public and private educational systems or education-related positions in industry, business, government and social service agencies.

Students in this program will gain knowledge and expertise in one or more of the following options:

- Curriculum and Instructional Design
- Higher Education Administration and Management
- Student Development and Personnel Services

Program Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of sixty-six (66) semester hours beyond the master's degree. A minimum of thirty-six (36) semester hours and the dissertation must be completed at Grambling.

Program Components	Minimum Expectations
Major	27 hrs.
Option	12 hrs.
Electives	6 hrs.
English Proficiency	3 hrs.
Evaluation and Research	9 hrs.
Qualifying Examination	0 hr.
Internship	3 hrs.
Comprehensive Examination	0 hr.
Dissertation Preparation	6 hrs.
Dissertation Defense	0 hr.
2. Complete the residency requirement. Two options are available to students. <u>Option A</u> —Complete 2 consecutive semesters or 2 consecutive summers earning a minimum of 9 credit hours each semester or summer session. <u>Option B</u> —Complete 3 academic terms (semesters or summer terms) during a 24-month period earning a minimum of 6 credit hours per term.	

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete program of studies within six years after advancement to candidacy
2. Earn a minimum 3.2 GPA.
3. Pass comprehensive examination.
4. Complete dissertation study and oral defense of the study.

Transfer of Credit Policy

Grambling State University 's graduate programs in developmental education offer a liberal transfer of credit policy. Credits for courses in which candidates received grades of "A" or "B" from a regionally accredited institution may be transferred. However, students must earn at least 36 semester hours of credit at Grambling State University.