QUALITATIVE RESEARCH, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The primary mission of the Educational Research Program is to offer a quality graduate program that prepares scholars to critically engage in educational research and evaluation, develop appropriate and innovative research designs and contribute conceptually sound analyses to the overlapping fields of education, the social sciences and the health sciences.

The program in educational research offers a PhD in Educational Research and post-Masters certificate in Qualitative or Quantitative Research. There is an EdS offered in conjunction with Educational Psychology. There are also two MA options offered in collaboration with Educational Psychology. These options are: Learning and Evaluation (thesis and nonthesis options) and program evaluation (nonthesis only).

The degrees require coursework in educational statistics, assessment/measurement, program evaluation, and qualitative research. A student may choose to specialize in educational statistics, program evaluation, assessment/measurement, research methodology or qualitative research at the PhD level. Field experiences are required as part of the program.

Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research

The Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research is a 15-credit course sequence that integrates theoretical knowledge with practical application and field-based experience. Students who complete the certificate will have developed the methodological expertise and background necessary to be recognized as an emerging scholar in the field of qualitative inquiry. Though this certificate is housed in the College of Education, students from all disciplines are welcome to apply.

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How to Apply:
1. Apply through the Graduate School’s On-line Application Center.
2. Select the Qualitative Research Certificate Program when applying

Application Materials include:
1. Statement of Purpose focusing on the student’s goals in pursuing a Qualitative Research certificate;
2. Writing Sample submitted directly to the department for faculty consideration

General Requirements:
• Students must have a Masters degree in education (or a related field) and be accepted to the Qualitative Research non-degree certificate program by the Graduate School and departmental faculty.
• Applications will consist of evidence of having a Masters degree, a statement of purpose, and writing sample.
• Students must have a minimum of 15 required hours.

• Certificate completion will be monitored by certificate program administrators.

Certificate Completion Requirements:
1. All courses listed above
2. Capstone Presentation

Time Limit: 6 Years.

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