
Professional Development and Research

The Division of Professional Development and Research exists to serve the educational needs of area professionals through programs consistent with the scope and mission of the University. A primary goal is to increase access to the University and its resources for many populations. Linking the University to the greater community through the Division of Professional Development and Research helps make knowledge more accessible, and greater external support is gained for University initiatives.

Continuing studies offerings represent a mechanism through which the University expresses its commitment to discovery, evaluation and sharing of knowledge with numerous constituencies over the span of both career and lifetime. The Division of Professional Development and Research contributes to the life of the University, the competency of the professional and the quality of public discussion. Noncredit continuing education programs focus on professionals working in human services and educational settings. The Division of Professional Development and Research also secures and administers a number of sponsored programs providing special services to the community.

ADMISSION AND APPLICATION FOR NONDEGREE STUDENTS

Permission to study in the School of Education and Human Development as a nondegree student in the Divisions of Education or Human Development is granted to any applicant who presents satisfactory evidence of having completed undergraduate and/or graduate work in a satisfactory manner, or who has received a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited institution. Undergraduates who left school in good academic standing may be admitted to the university as nondegree undergraduate students by undergraduate admissions.

Students admitted in nondegree status may register for School of Education and Human Development courses (limited spaces available) at registration. Students who fail to register for more than three consecutive semesters, excluding summer, are not allowed to take courses until they have been readmitted.

Applications for admission may be obtained from the Graduate School or the Undergraduate Admissions office. An official transcript from the college granting the bachelor's degree must be submitted to the Graduate School, or undergraduate course transcripts to Undergraduate Admissions. General advising for students wishing to pursue degrees in the School of Education and Human Development may be obtained by contacting the academic adviser at 777-6305.

If a student later decides to pursue a degree program, a regular application may be obtained from the Graduate School. If the student is admitted to the Graduate School, an evaluation by the department of the graduate courses that were taken on a nondegree basis should be requested. In this way those courses found suitable may be officially credited toward the student's degree. Nondegree undergraduates who decide to pursue a degree program must make formal application through the Undergraduate Admissions office.