National Rankings

6th Special Education
9th Counseling & Counselor Education
13th Online Teacher Education program among public universities
17th Elementary Teacher Education
20th College, among U.S. public universities
30th College, overall (public & private)

Who We Are

The University of Florida College of Education, founded in 1906, is the highest ranked college of education in Florida and the top-ranked public education school in the southeastern United States.

The college’s distinguished professors and their graduate students vigorously pursue vital, interdisciplinary research to advance teacher preparation, educator professional development, classroom technology, education policy, and leadership in all education disciplines. By partnering with public school districts and educational organizations, faculty scholars design, field-test and scale up research-proven learning system models that are transform teaching, improve learning and promote healthy child development and early learning.

Nearly 1,600 graduate and undergraduate students are enrolled on campus in 27 degree programs and academic specialties. More than 1,260 students are enrolled in the college’s 161 online courses, 12 online degrees and six online certification programs.

Key Initiatives

- In its quest for national prominence, UF is investing state Preeminence money in three priority research initiatives involving the College of Education—in the strategic, interdisciplinary areas of early childhood studies, personalized e-learning, and “big data” analysis of national education trends and teaching practices.

- UF special education professors received the largest grant ever awarded by the federal Office of Special Education Programs, to create and lead a national center aimed at helping states transform their preparation of teachers serving students with disabilities.

- Novel recruitment and teacher prep programs in the STEM disciplines and statewide induction support for novice teachers are helping to bolster vital math and science education in Florida.

- The award-winning Florida Master Teacher Initiative combines onsite and online coursework, allowing teachers at partnering high-needs schools to earn advanced degrees on the job while improving their practice and student achievement.
Facts & Figures

Enrollment (on campus): 1,577
Online Enrollment: 1,263
Degrees / academic program areas: 27
Faculty: 95 full-time
Staff: 87
Alumni: 29,494
Annual Gifts: $6.2 million total
Operating budget: $38.6 million
Research funding: $76.1 million total; $11.8 million in new grants; $19.1 million yearly expenditures

Schools & Program Areas

School of Human Development and Organizational Studies in Education
- Counseling & Counseling Education
- Marriage & Family Counseling
- Mental Health Counseling
- Educational Leadership
- Higher Education Policy and Administration
- Research and Evaluation Methodology (REM)
- School Counseling & Guidance

School of Special Education, School Psychology and Early Childhood Studies
- Special Education
- School Psychology
- Early Childhood Education (birth-age 8)
- Teach Well

School of Teaching and Learning
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Curriculum, Teaching & Teacher Education
- Educational Technology
- Unified Elementary Education
- English Education
- Bilingual/ESOL Education
- Language Arts, Reading & Children's Literature
- Literacy & the Arts
- Mathematics Education
- Media Literacy Education
- Reading Education
- Science & Environmental Education
- Social Studies Education
- Statistics Education
- Teacher Leadership for School Improvement
- UF Teach

Centers & Institutes

Anita Zucker Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Studies
UF scholars in multiple diverse disciplines work with local, state and national partners to advance knowledge, policy and practices in early childhood studies to support young children's health, learning, development and well-being.

CEEDAR Center (Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability and Reform)
Is transforming the development of effective teachers and education leaders serving students with disabilities.

Center for Community Education
Promotes UF-community partnerships to solve educational and human problems in our diverse global community.

Center for Disability Policy and Practice
Fosters policy development, school improvement, interdisciplinary research and professional development activities to improve educational outcomes for students with disabilities.

Center for Excellence in Elementary Teacher Preparation
One of four such centers created with state funding in 2015 to help transform Florida's elementary teacher preparation.

Institute of Higher Education
Provides mentoring, networking and continuing professional development for higher education practitioners and leaders, with emphasis on Florida community and state colleges, and college access for underrepresented groups.

Lastinger Center for Learning
Harnesses the university's intellectual resources and partners with educational organizations to develop and field-test learning system models that transform teaching, improve learning and promote healthy child development.

P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School
The college's K-12 laboratory school since 1934, P.K. Yonge has launched a total campus revitalization effort that has transformed the school into a model learning community and technological powerhouse.