In order to be considered for admission, applicants must:

- Hold teacher certification in any area OR be eligible for certification
- Provide evidence of having taken and passed (minimum of a 3.0 GPA) a course on Introduction to Exceptional Student Education
- Have an undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Take the GRE or apply for a waiver based on 3 years teaching experience

**Application Check List**
- Applications will NOT be accepted this year 2019.
- Pay non-refundable application fee of $65
- Submit Essay - three (3) pages (uploaded under "Statement of Purpose")
- Submit official transcripts
- Submit resume
- Submit GRE scores OR waiver application based on 3 years teaching experience

**Essay Prompt:** Why are you interested in the Early Childhood Special Education program? How do your past experiences and current interests prepare you as a candidate for this degree?

For more information about the Early Childhood Special Education program, contact Ms. Felia Francis at FDF13@miami.edu or 304-284-3598. For more information about the application and admission process, contact Ms. Lois Heffernan, Admissions Coordinator at lheffernan@miami.edu or 305-284-2167.

**Grant Co-Directors:**

- Dr. Lynne Katz
  Departments of Psychology & Teaching and Learning
- Dr. Elizabeth Harry
  Department of Teaching and Learning
The University of Miami Department of Teaching and Learning, consistently ranked among the top graduate programs in curriculum and instruction by Academic Analytics, is seeking qualified applicants for its Master of Science in Education (M. S. Ed.) degree with a concentration in Early Childhood Special Education.

The program includes coursework and practicum experiences leading to Florida state endorsement in Pre-Kindergarten Disabilities. This 30-credit program is designed for individuals who wish to develop a high level of professional expertise in providing direct services to young children with special needs and their families.

**90% FUNDING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE**

There is 90% funding opportunity sponsored by the School of Education and Human Development and the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). The School makes these awards at the same time as final admissions decisions are made. The OSEP grant requires a 2 year service obligation post-graduation.

Applications will NOT be accepted this year 2019, for the next cohort.

Classes meet twice weekly from 5 PM to 7:40 PM during the Fall and Spring terms, and 4 times weekly from 4:20 PM to 8:05 PM during the Summer terms. Some courses may be offered partially online. The program accommodates working teachers by scheduling the two practicum experiences over two Summers, each 6-8 weeks from 8:30am-3:30pm. Occasionally, some workshops and meetings may be scheduled on Fridays after 4pm and Saturdays, but no class sessions.

---

**School of Education and Human Development**
Attn: Lois Heffernan,
Admissions Coordinator
University of Miami School of Education and Human Development
Max Orovitz Building
1507 Levante Avenue, Suite 311
Coral Gables, FL 33146-1423
lheffernan@miami.edu