



RIVERSIDE

School of Education

Your
Guide
to a Better World

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION

MA, MEd, PhD

Your Future

Degree Programs and Concentrations

- Education Policy Analysis and Leadership (MEd, PhD)
- Education, Society, and Culture (MA, PhD)
- Educational Psychology (MA, PhD)
- Higher Education Administration and Policy (MEd, PhD)
- Neuroscience and Education (MA)
- Race and Educational Justice (MEd)
- School Psychology (PhD)
- Special Education (MA, PhD)
- STEM Education and Equity (MA, MEd)

Class Times and Schedule

- ◆ Each class meets once a week in-person at the Riverside Campus
- ◆ Most classes are Monday – Thursday 4:00-6:50pm
- ◆ Quarter System:
 - ◆ 10 weeks of instruction; 1 week for finals
 - ◆ Classes are offered in Fall, Winter and Spring (Summer STEM Education and Equity only)

“Educators are liberators because knowledge—good knowledge—is transformative.”

Welcome to the SOE! During my journey, I have traveled to many places in the world and one thing is constant: schools that serve the affluent are full of ideas, questions, resources and opportunities while schools that serve the poor and minoritized are full of rules and regulations, and lack access to needed tools and technologies.

The SOE community asks why? We identify inequities within our system of education and research ways in which to advance our system and teaching practices.

We study human behavior, our culture and our history through the lens of education to ask: can the world be a better place? Can educators make a difference?

The answer, we've discovered, is yes. **We can** make a difference. **You can** make a difference. Together, we can make the world a better place.



Joi A. Spencer, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor
UCR School of Education

Your Journey



Ranked among the best graduate schools of education by U.S. News, the master's degree programs at the School of Education prepare students to become leaders, educators, researchers, advocates, and scholars who promote excellence and equity in every area of education.

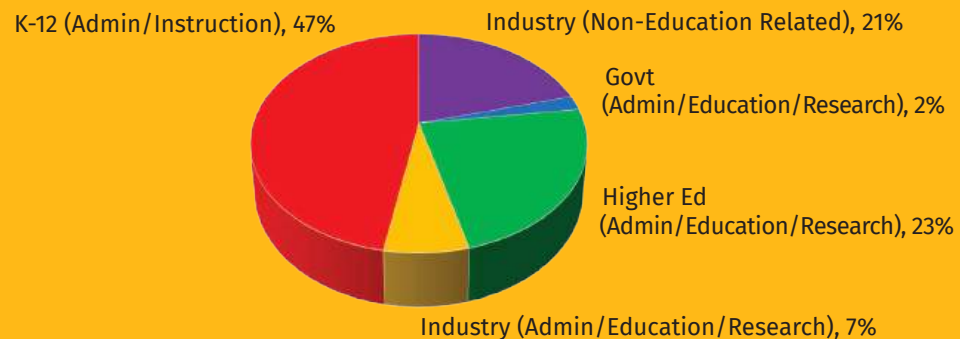
The School of Education doctoral program prepares the next generation of thought leaders and researchers in education.



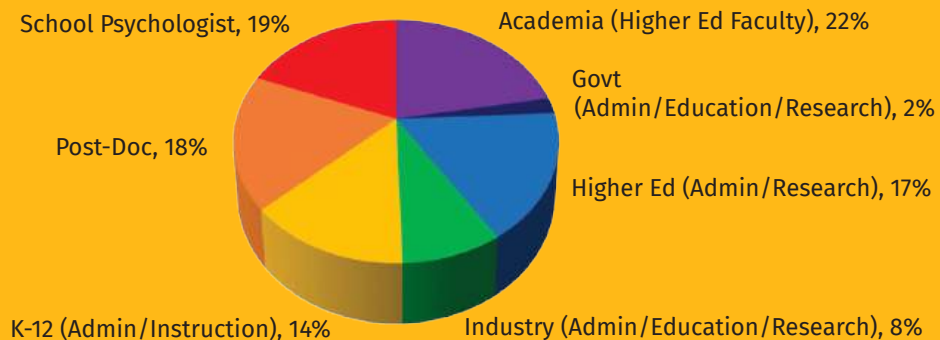
World-class faculty are leaders in their field and recognized as the most diverse group of education faculty in the UC system, with nearly half being first-gen students.

Your Career

M.A./M.ED. PLACEMENT 2015 - 2024



PH.D. PLACEMENT 2015 - 2024



Graduates of our programs have an array of career opportunities. Below are a few examples by concentration.

Master's Graduates

- Student affairs professional (Higher Education)
- Disadvantaged/marginalized youth program coordinator (Race and Educational Justice/ESC)
- STEM Education Curriculum Developer (STEM Education & Equity)
- Lab Coordinator (Neuroscience & Education)
- Policy Analyst (Ed Policy)
- Testing Center Consultant (Educational Psychology)
- Lecturer at community college, CSU or private institution
- Prep for doctoral program



Ph.D. Graduates

- Faculty
- Institutional Research Analyst
- Consultant
- Lecturer



Briana A. Savage, Ph.D. '26

"Being a PhD student at UCR has given me endless opportunities to grow as a scholar and a professional. I have been able to build connections with dynamic faculty and students, work as a Research Associate for the Center for Athletes' Rights and Equity, present my work at national conferences, publish in an academic journal, teach undergraduates as a Teaching Assistant, and be active in student organizations and events. My time here has been fulfilling and I am constantly learning about ways to develop and build my identity in the world of academia."



Your Community

GradSuccess

GradSuccess supports graduate student retention, degree completion, and post-degree career outcomes through a diverse range of programs, events, expert consultations, and peer support. As graduate students, you are the engine of a research university, and GradSuccess is your fuel. GradSuccess programs and services are also open to postdocs.



Financial Aid

UCR is committed to helping students identify resources to fund their education. General and program-specific scholarships and fellowships are available. More information can be found here:



[View current tuition rates:](#)



Mentor Program

The Graduate Student Mentorship Program (GSMP) facilitates and transforms the graduate student experience at UCR. Incoming mentees are assigned to both peer and faculty mentors in their own or a related discipline. Over the course of their first academic year, mentees gain access to support, advice, resources, and community as GSMP participants.



World-Class Faculty

SOE faculty includes internationally renowned experts and top researchers amongst its ranks. As an SOE student, you'll have access to faculty-guided research, instruction, and mentorship. We also boast the most diverse Education faculty in the UC system. Explore their research interests here:



Research Centers, Programs and Labs

School of Education faculty and researchers play an important role in shaping and impacting education. Our students, alumni, and faculty are engaged in transformative partnerships that benefit K-16 students, families, and educators, while also advancing research and discourse in the field of education. SOE students get unparalleled access to this expertise, and graduate students alike have the opportunity to study alongside faculty and our research community in their programs, labs, and centers. View our faculty research centers here:



Support Team

If you are interested in applying to our graduate programs, just tell us a little about yourself to receive personalized information and tips regarding graduate admissions, campus events, funding, and more. Filling out the form takes just a few minutes but can save you time searching for information related to your academic interests and goals.



Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree Required
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Degree must be completed prior to enrolling in graduate program

Application Requirements

(All materials due by deadline)

- Transcripts from all colleges
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose essay
- Writing sample
- CV/Resume (Ph.D. only)

Quarterly Fees

Tuition + Campus Fees: \$5,108
Health Insurance: \$1,859 (insurance can be waived if you have your own)
Out of state tuition: \$5,034

Important Dates

	Summer 2026*	Fall 2026
Term Starts:	June 22, 2026	September 24, 2026
Application Opens:	September 15, 2025	September 15, 2025
Fellowship and School Psychology Closes:		December 1, 2025
All Other Program Applications Close:	March 1, 2026	May 1, 2026

* Summer 2026 for STEM Education and Equity program only. All other programs start Fall 2026.

Application Fee

Domestic: \$135
International: \$155



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