

THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE is a dynamic Research 1 university, committed to the professional development of our graduate students as we prepare them to become the next generation of educational scholars.

UD's PhD in Education program is grounded in interdisciplinary perspectives, high quality research, and rigorous methodological approaches, preparing students to address critical issues in education within one of four specialization areas: Learning Sciences, Literacy, Mathematics Education, or Sociocultural and Community-Based Approaches.

The College of Education and Human Development, comprised of 2 academic departments, a children's campus, and 10+ centers for research, education, and service, offers a vibrant and productive community right on campus.



Program Experiences

- Conduct research on ground-breaking projects with nationally-known, award-winning faculty
- Develop knowledge and skills through coursework in education research, advanced qualitative and quantitative methods, and specialization content areas
- Present independent research at conferences and prepare publications for peer-reviewed journals
- Learn in a climate of collaboration and camaraderie with small class sizes, thought-provoking symposia and supportive faculty mentors

Financial Support

Full-time students receive support for 4 years through assistantships and tuition scholarships. Students with assistantships receive 100% tuition scholarship and a 9-month stipend, plus health insurance. Merit-based supplemental funding is also available.

Career Opportunities

- Faculty or academic positions in research universities, departments of education, and school districts
- Leadership positions in state departments of education and school districts
- Policy positions in government and education



Doctoral students in the Literacy specialization develop advanced knowledge in reading and writing development and instruction with particular attention to students with learning differences.

Specialization Experiences

- Gain a rich understanding of the development of reading and writing skills with particular attention to students with learning differences across grade levels.
- Conduct research on reading and writing instruction, curriculum, assessment, multimodal and digital literacy tools, and learning English as a second language.
- Develop a rich methodological toolkit for designing learning and instructional investigations and assessing the outcomes of educational interventions.

Faculty

Our faculty hold grants from the National Science Foundation, the Institute of Education Sciences and private foundations. They have been recognized for their work by the American Educational Research Association, the International Literacy Association and the Literacy Research Association.

Our faculty include Steve Amendum, David Coker, Ralph Ferretti, Rachel Karchmer-Klein, William Lewis, Charles MacArthur, Adrian Pasquarella, Kristen Ritchey, Sharon Walpole and Joshua Wilson.

Contact Us

To learn more about how you can apply to UD's PhD in Education: Literacy program, contact our specialization coordinator: David Coker (dcoker@udel.edu)

"The College of Education and Human Development faculty prepared me to be competitive on the job market by providing me the skills to publish in academic journals, present at conferences, and teach courses in the School of Education. I'm happy to share that I have achieved this goal. Beginning in fall 2019, I will be an assistant professor of literacy education at the University at Buffalo."

-John Strong, PhD alumnus

