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Dear Interested Applicant,

The Department of Human Development & Quantitative Methodology (HDQM) at the University of Maryland is pleased to begin accepting applications for Fall 2017 to its off-campus, 30 credit Master of Education in Human Development program, with courses offered primarily face-to-face at the Universities at Shady Grove and on-line. This program embodies a cohort model, wherein groups of applicants are admitted each fall semester, and progress together through the two-year sequence of courses.

The program focuses on theory and contemporary educational research related to child and adolescent social, cognitive, emotional, and physical development, and the translation of that research into principles of instructional practice that positively influence students' academic achievement, motivation to achieve, and school adjustment in education settings. There is a strong programmatic emphasis on diversity and the impact of individual differences on educational outcomes. Past students are typically in-service, certified teachers or counselors who wish to study developmental influences on school achievement, but we welcome applications from anyone who is interested in studying the program content.

Please read through this document, which explains the program in detail, answers frequently asked questions, and provides specific application instructions. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me personally at abattle@umd.edu (Phone: 301-405-8714), or Ms. Jannitta Graham, Graduate Coordinator, at jgraham7@umd.edu (Phone: 301-405-8432), for assistance.

Please note that upon completion of this program, students are awarded a Master of Education in Human Development. This degree does not confer teaching certification or certification of any kind in any other area of practice. The department has the right to delay the start, or cancel the program if an admitted cohort has fewer than 10 students. In that event, accepted students would be notified before the start of classes and be eligible for a refund of their application fee from the Graduate School.

The Department thanks you for your interest in our program!

Very sincerely yours,
Ann A. Battle
Program Director



CURRICULUM & TIMELINE

Course schedules honor University of Maryland holidays and break schedules.
USG = Universities at Shady Grove

Semester I – Fall, Year 1

EDHD 600 – Introduction to Human Development and Child Study (3 credits)
TUES or THURS, 4:30-7:15 pm, USG

An overview of the multidisciplinary, scientific principles which describe human development, with a focus on child and adolescent development.

Theory and research studied in this course will be applied to the development of principles of practice for educators and other practitioners in school settings.

EDHD 692 - Cognitive Bases of Instruction (3 credits)
TUES or THURS, 4:30-7:15 pm, USG

Psychological and educational research literature on human cognition, as applied to learning and teaching in classroom settings.

This course will focus on cognitive development, including language (spoken and written), conceptual change, numerical/quantitative processing, and social cognition, as well as burgeoning areas of developmental research in general cognitive processes such as attention, memory, and visual-spatial processing. These topics will be discussed with respect to typical and atypical development, with focus on developmental disabilities including autism, specific language impairment, reading and math impairment, and attention deficit disorders. Includes focus on biological aspects of brain development.

Semester II – Spring, Year 1

EDHD 624 – Cognitive and Motivational Bases of Reading: Reading in Content Areas I and II (6 credits)
WED, 4:30-7:15 pm, USG and online

Fundamental processes of student engagement in reading and learning for secondary teachers. Processes related to how middle school and high school students gain knowledge in content fields, how students learn and use strategies for gaining knowledge, and motivations for learning from a variety of texts.

*EDHD 624 is a Maryland State Reading Certification Course.

Semester III – Summer, Year 1

EDHD 602 – Social Bases of Behavior (3 credits)

MON/WED 4:30-7:15 pm, USG

Frequently offered as Hybrid – every other class online

The social forces and expectations that influence behavior from infancy through old age and death. The effects of ethnicity, social learning, values, attitudes, historical events and mass media on perception and behavior in societal interactions.

The focus of lectures and class discussions will be on issues relevant to social development in schools. Specific topics range from general theories of social development to those concerning the role of specific “socializers” (parents, teachers, and peers), and include “self” (e.g., social-cognitive) and contextual processes that facilitate the socialization process.

EDMS 645 – Quantitative Research Methods (3 credits)

TUES/THURS, 4:30-7:15 pm, Location TBD

Research design and statistical applications in educational research; data representation; descriptive statistics; estimation and hypothesis testing. Application of statistical computer packages is emphasized.

Semester IV – Fall, Year 2

EDHD 617 - Achievement Motivation in Adolescence (3 credits)

TUES or THURS, 4:30-7:15 pm, USG

Study of different aspects of motivation and how they develop in the secondary years. Focus on how different instructional practices influence motivation and design of various strategies for improving students’ motivation.

EDHD 662 - Research Methods in Education Settings (3 credits)

TUES or THURS, 4:30-7:15pm, USG

Research methods associated with studying the development, achievement, and school adjustment of children and adolescents in educational settings, with an emphasis on quantitative methodologies.

Semester V – Spring, Year 2

EDHD 635 - Adolescents at Risk (3 credits)
TUES or THURS, 4:30-7:15pm, USG or on-line

Study of current research on risky behaviors that impact adolescent student learning and achievement, particularly in underserved populations. General diversity issues and specific issues that put adolescents at risk for academic failure and other negative trajectories will be explored.

EDHD 674 – Self Processes in Adolescence: Implications for Academic Achievement and School Adjustment (3 credits)
TUES or THURS, 4:30-7:15 pm

Study of the development of the self from infancy through adolescence, and examination of the literature on the self-processes of special adolescent populations as they relate to achievement-related orientations and school adjustment in secondary settings.

Seminar Paper

The University of Maryland and the College of Education require that students complete a Seminar Paper for fulfillment of M.Ed. Program requirements. This extra-curricular requirement is completed as an independent study experience, under the guidance of the program director and an assigned faculty paper advisor. The requirements for this assignment will be explained in detail during the summer session.

Important Information

Q: What is the meaning of a “cohort model?”

A: A cohort model means that everyone admitted to a program will be admitted with a group of students who will progress through the program together, at the same pace. In our experience, this model is unquestionably the preferred format for off-campus programs, as it fosters community, collaboration, and the co-construction of knowledge.

Q: Does the program provide “certification” to teach or to serve as a professional in any other field requiring certification?

A: **NO. The program described herein IS NOT a “certification” program.**

Q: What are the time-related completion requirements for the degree?

A: Students at the University may take up to five years to complete a Master’s degree. However, because of the very specific nature of the courses in this off campus program, students are strongly encouraged to complete it within the prescribed time frame and with the cohort to which they were originally admitted.

The department decides on a year-by-year basis whether or not to recruit for a new cohort in the program; thus, it could become difficult and more expensive to have to complete the degree process if missed semesters must be made up by taking substitute courses on campus. In addition, doing so would involve paying on-campus fees for that semester.

Q: Can I transfer any of previously completed coursework into this degree program?

A: No, transfer credits from other programs are not permitted.

Q: What do I need to be admitted to the program?

A: You will need to provide:

- \$75 application fee*
- Complete a graduate student on-line application, including
 - o Unofficial transcripts showing receipt of a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale). Note: Official transcripts are required by the Graduate School for the final admission decision. If accepted into the University and program, applicants must send official, sealed undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended (with 9 credits or more).

Transcript(s) from the institution should be mailed to:

University of Maryland College Park
Enrollment Services Operation
Attn: Graduate Admissions
Room 0130 Mitchell Building
College Park, MD 20742

- o 3 letters of recommendation

- o Statement of purpose

Please note: GRE scores are not required for this program.

* Subject to increase. If you were previously admitted as a Graduate Student, registered, AND completed at least one semester, you will not be charged a second application fee. To obtain a waiver you will need to indicate your previous graduate student status within the online graduate application. In the “Previous Institution” section of the application, when you enter “UMCP”, a waiver link will appear within the application. You will click on the link and be asked to certify that you previously attended the university. However, you must complete all of the paperwork for admission, as you now are entering a degree program through a new department. You must request the waiver before submitting the application.

Please see **Appendix B** for **Application Instructions**.

Q: Is this a limited enrollment program?

A: Yes, the department will admit the first 25 highly qualified applicants. For best consideration, please submit your completed application by the **preferred deadline, April 14th, 2017**. The final deadline for applications is **July 1st, 2017**.

Q: Can the department decide not to run a program after I have applied and been accepted?

A: Yes. The department has the right to delay the start, or cancel the program if an admitted cohort has fewer than 10 students. In that event, accepted students would be notified before the start of classes and would be eligible for a refund of their application fee from the Graduate School.

Q: What must I do to remain in the program?

A: A student seeking any graduate degree at the University of Maryland must maintain an average grade of “B” (3.0) across all courses taken for graduate credit. A student who has been granted provisional admission to this program must first meet the objectives outlined in the admission requirements to gain full graduate status, and then maintain a “B” average in all courses to follow. Students must also maintain continuous registration in the course sequence offered by the program. Exceptions must be discussed with the Program Director.

Q: Is there a “central person” in charge of this program, someone to whom I can direct my questions and concerns?

A: Yes.

Dr. Ann Battle, Program Director, and **Ms. Jannitta Graham, Graduate Coordinator**, Department of Human Development and Quantitative Methodology, are responsible for responding to students’ questions and concerns. Dr. Battle can be reached by email at abattle@umd.edu, or by phone at 301-405-8714. Ms. Graham can be reached by email at jgraham7@umd.edu, or by phone at 301-405-8432.

Q: How do I register for my coursework?

A: The department will register you for your classes every semester, unless you have failed to meet financial or academic requirements, or if you have notified us that you must defer registration for some reason. Students will receive notifications as to when they are registered.

Q: How much is tuition?

A: Charges for the M.Ed. program courses will be at the entrepreneurial rate published by the College of Education for the academic year, plus applicable fees. These rates are subject to change annually. As of this writing, the **tuition rate is set at \$641* per credit hour**. Because this program is being taught off-campus, all routine on-campus usage fees are waived except for the technology fee of approximately \$66 (subject to change). This is a savings to you of approximately \$400.00 per semester. If you decide to take a course on-campus for any reason, you will be required to pay the on-campus tuition and fees for that semester.

***Subject to Board of Regents Approval**

***Although changes in fees are ordinarily announced in advance, the University reserves the right to make such changes without previous announcement.**

Q: How do I pay my bill?

A: All students are responsible for paying their tuition costs on time, directly to the University. Failure to pay your tuition on time will result in the University assessing a late fee to your account and will prevent your registration for the next semester. Students accepting admission to the program will need to create a University Directory ID through the OIT website <http://www.oit.umd.edu/new/student.html>. Once the University Directory ID and password has been established the UMD accounts can be accessed.

Q: How do I make arrangements for partial tuition reimbursement from my place of employment?

A: All arrangements for reimbursement of tuition costs must be made according to the process set forth by the individual student's place of employment. The student will be personally responsible for recovering this reimbursement. The University plays no role in this process.

Q: Is financial aid from the University available to me?

A: It might be possible for you to take advantage of some of the many financial aid programs offered by the University, the College, and federal programs. There are also tuition payment plans that may be of interest to you. To get more information, applications, and deadlines, contact the Financial Aid office at 301-314-9000.

Q: How will I know my grade in a course?

A: Students must access grades by using the University's student website - www.Testudo.umd.edu; the same site used to access your student account.

Q: How do I get my books for the courses I will be taking?

A: There will be some variation in this process from course to course, depending on the

instructor. Several arrangements for book purchasing are commonly used. For some courses taught at the Universities of Shady Grove campus, books can be purchased at their bookstore. Most textbooks are available on-line through companies such as Amazon.com. Almost routinely, students are required to download readings as assigned from the UMD library's Research Port website for use in various courses.

Q: What is the snow-day policy for this program?

A: Classes will be cancelled if the University of Maryland or the Universities at Shady Grove are closed.

Q: Will I ever need to come to the College Park campus during this program?

A: It is highly unlikely that you will need to come to the College Park campus during your program. Orientation sessions for new cohorts will be held at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG). In addition, all courses are scheduled at USG, on-line, or on rare occasion, in an alternative off-campus location. You will use website access to set up student accounts, view your bills and grades, submit your health forms, access the library, etc.

Q: Can I learn more about the program in person?

A: Yes, you are welcome to make an appointment to meet with Dr. Battle, the Program Director, and/or attend one of the information sessions she will conduct at the Universities at Shady Grove. Please see Appendix A for detailed information on the **times and locations of information sessions**, which are scheduled in February, April, and June of 2017.

Appendix A

Schedule of 2017 Information Sessions at the Universities at Shady Grove

Exact Locations will be announced as soon as possible.

Tuesday, February 7th, 2017
4:30-5:30pm
Building III, Room 3242

Tuesday, April 4th, 2017
4:30-5:30pm
Building III, Room 3242

Tuesday, June 6th, 2017
4:30-5:30pm
Building and Room # TBD

Appendix B

Application Instructions

Please visit the HDQM Department Home Page at <http://www.education.umd.edu/HDQM/> and click on “Admissions.”

GRE Scores are not required for this program.

Personal statements should be limited to 500 words, and include the following information:

- Long term professional objectives in the field of teaching;
- Commitment to remain in the field of education;
- Commitment to remaining in the program cohort, if admitted.

Please select “MCHD” as Area of Interest 1

