



COLLEGE-WIDE GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION | FALL 2025

Time	Agenda
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	<p>ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN Start your day by checking in and grabbing a light breakfast to fuel you up for the day ahead.</p>
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	<p>WELCOME AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (Facilitated by Dr. Katherine Turner, Director of Graduate Student Success)</p> <p>In this morning welcome session, you will have the opportunity to meet current College of Education leadership and learn about the mission, vision, and strategies of the College. You'll also connect with your peers through an interactive creative icebreaker. Hint: <i>What would be your superpower?</i></p>
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.	<p>GRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS: PROCESSES & PROCEDURES (Facilitated by Dr. Katherine Turner, Olivia Stewart & Bernice Roberts, Graduate Student Success Team)</p> <p>Gain essential insights into graduate student administrative processes, including enrollment, advising, and campus resources. In this session, you'll meet the Graduate Student Success Team, receive an overview of key graduate school and college policies, learn about MyAdvisor, and have time to get your questions answered before the fall semester begins.</p>
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	<p>TAKE A QUICK BREAK!</p>
<p>11:00 – 11:40 a.m. 11:45 – 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>COOGS in CONVERSATION</p> <p>Join two 40-minute sessions designed to prepare you for success in graduate school. You will choose one student panel and one interactive workshop led by the faculty.</p> <p><u>Student Panels:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ed.D. Essentials</i> – Ed.D. Student Panel • <i>Doctoral Dialogues</i> – Ph.D. Student Panel • <i>Masterminded</i> – M.Ed. Student Panel <p><u>Workshops:</u></p> <p>Returning to Learning Explore strategies to rebuild academic confidence and ease your transition back to school.</p> <p>Balance in Motion Learn practical tips for balancing school, work, and personal well-being.</p>

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12:30 – 1:15 p.m. LUNCH

Enjoy a delicious catered deli lunch while connecting with peers across academic programs. Vegetarian options will be available, and attendees will be entered into an exclusive swag giveaway!

1:30 – 3:45 p.m. PROGRAM-SPECIFIC BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Become acquainted with your academic program more in-depth in this session led by your Program Director. The following programs will host break-out sessions for new students following our lunch closing session.

- M.Ed. in Administration & Supervision with Dr. Keith Butcher (Rm. 101)
- M.Ed. in Counseling with Dr. Rachael Whitaker (Rm. 120)
- M.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction with Dr. Nancy Reis (Rm. 105)
- Higher Education (M.Ed./Ph.D.) with Dr. Vincent Carales (Rm. 116)
- M.Ed. in Special Populations with Dr. Charlotte Carp and Dr. Hope Rigby-Wills (Rm. 115)
- Ph.D. in Curriculum & Instruction with Dr. Sam Brower (Rm. 102)
- Department of PHLS Ph.D. with Dr. Brad Smith and Dr. Milena Keller-Margulis (Rm. 119)
 - Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology
 - Ph.D. in Measurement, Quantitative Methods, and Learning Sciences
 - Ph.D. in School Psychology

The following programs will host (additional) program orientations on alternate days. Please reach out to your Program Director for more information

- Ed.D. in Professional Leadership – August 23
- Specialist in School Psychology

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