



**BrainSMART.org**  
*Learning, Teaching, and Leading*

# **Master of Science/Educational Specialist Degrees in Brain-Based Teaching (BrainSMART)**

**Admissions Application**

**BrainSMART/NSU Programs**  
127 W. Fairbanks Avenue, #235  
Winter Park, FL 32789-4312  
Attn: Donna Wilson, Ph.D.



Enrollment Processing Services (EPS)  
Attn: Fischler School of Education and Human Services  
3301 College Avenue  
P.O. Box 299000  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905

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### **Application Instructions and Program Admission Requirements**

The application process is easy! Complete the three items below in order to be provisionally admitted.

- 1. a completed application form (application must be typed or printed)
- 2. an official transcript from a regionally accredited institution indicating a conferred bachelor's degree (if applying to the master's degree program) or a conferred master's degree (if applying to the educational specialist program)\*
- 3. a \$50, nonrefundable application fee, payable to Nova Southeastern University

\* A *photocopy* is acceptable in consideration for provisional admission. The transcript must show the date your degree was conferred, your cumulative GPA (minimum 2.5 for bachelor's and 3.0 for master's degree), and your name and the name of the institution. For full admission, all official transcripts must be submitted to NSU within 90 days from the first day of the official start of the term.

Send the above items, as well as all official transcripts, to the following address:

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#### **Non-Native English Speakers**

Applicants who have indicated a language other than English as their primary language on the application form will need to demonstrate English language proficiency by one of the following methods below. Test results must be sent directly from the testing agency to the admissions department (see above address). Proof of English language competency can also be in the form of successful completion of a degree at an approved United States institution of higher education.

- TOEFL score of 79
- Academa 2 certificate from NSU's Language Institute
- IELTS score of 6.0
- College-level Freshman English course passed with a grade of C or better
- GMAT score of 450
- GRE scores of 1000 (combined Verbal and Quantitative scores only)



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Primary Phone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ International Access Code (if applicable)  
Permanent Phone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ International Access Code (if applicable)  
Cell Phone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ International Access Code (if applicable)  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

The university collects the following information primarily for purposes of identification and aggregate reporting. The questions and possible responses on ethnicity and race are written explicitly to comply with U.S. Department of Education reporting requirements. The collected information will not be used in any discriminatory manner.

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

NSU ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
(If known)

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Sex  Female  Male

**Ethnicity**

Mexican  Puerto Rican  Other Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino.

**Race** (If you identify yourself as being of more than one race, you may select multiple options.)

American Indian or Alaska Native  Korean  Black or African-American  
 Asian Indian  Origins of Chinese  Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  
 Filipino  Thai  White  
 Japanese  Other Asian Not Listed

**Citizenship**

U.S. Citizen  Foreign (nonstudying in the U.S.)  
 Resident Alien  I decline to respond.  
 Nonresident Alien

What is your nation of citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are an international student and will be studying at one of our U.S. locations, what will your Visa status be?

Student Visa  Dependent  Other Visa Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Indicate Visa Type

Is English your native language?  Yes  No If no, documentation of English literacy is required.

**Military/Veterans Information**

Are you a U.S. active-duty military service member?  Yes  No

Are you a spouse/dependent family member of a U.S. active-duty service member?  Yes  No

If "Yes" to either of the two questions above, what military branch of service is your affiliation? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the anticipated active-duty discharge date of the military service member? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. military veteran?  Yes  No If a U.S. veteran, please indicate your veteran category.

Vietnam Veteran  Other Eligible Veteran  Both Vietnam Veteran and Other Eligible Veteran

Are you eligible for veteran's benefits?  Yes  No If yes, under which law?



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## Additional Questions

Is this your first time applying to NSU?  Yes  No If no, to what program(s) have you applied?

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Will this be your first time attending NSU?  Yes  No If no, in which program(s) have you enrolled?

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Are you an NSU employee or a dependent of an NSU employee?  Yes  No

Please indicate participation in any special programs (e.g., Finance Academy or Broward Leaders) or honors membership (e.g., Phi Theta Kappa):

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What is the highest level of education attained by your father?

- Grammar School       High School       Other/Unknown  
 Middle/Junior High School       College or Beyond       Not Applicable

What is the highest level of education attained by your mother?

- Grammar School       High School       Other/Unknown  
 Middle/Junior High School       College or Beyond       Not Applicable

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**Academic Goal**

(Select one)

- Master's Degree in Brain-Based Teaching (NOCERM/F558) with a concentration in
- Learning and Teaching (F580)
  - Reading and Literacy (F563)
- Educational Specialist Degree in Brain-Based Teaching (NOCERS/F558) with a concentration in
- Instructional Leadership (F811)

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**Teaching Certification/Licensure**

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

List Area(s) of Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate Type:  Professional  Temporary  Statement of Eligibility

**Current Employment**

Position	School/Company	City/State	Date Employed From	Date Employed To

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**Declarations****Certification/Licensure Waiver**

I understand that the Master of Science/Education Specialist Degree's in Brain-Based Teaching do not guarantee certification or licensure at the local, regional, or state level. Students seeking certification/licensure should contact the Department of Education in the state in question to confirm certification or licensure requirements.

Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note the following statements:**

1. I declare that the above information, to the best of my knowledge, is complete and accurate. I have read and understand the requirements, policies, and procedures stated in the catalog and student handbook. I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Fischler School of Education and Human Services and NSU.
2. I give Nova Southeastern University permission to publish and use any photos in which I appear that may be taken during class or other university activities.
3. I understand that all required official and final admissions documents must be received within 90 days from the official start date of the term. If my documents are not received by the end of this 90-day period, I understand the following will apply until my student status is changed to "fully admitted."
  - a. Further attendance will be disallowed.
  - b. Financial aid will not be disbursed.

Initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Please be certain to read the following disclosure and sign the application for further processing. No application will be processed without your signature.**

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**Disclosure:**

Have you ever been convicted in any state or country of:

- a criminal offense (other than a minor traffic offense) where you have been found guilty by a judge or jury or entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest);
- any offense where the records have been expunged or sealed;
- any conviction that you are currently appealing regardless of adjudication.

Yes     No

As a result of the conviction, are you currently incarcerated or will you be incarcerated upon or during your enrollment at NSU?

Yes     No

If the answer is YES to either question above, please explain.

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The disclosure is a continuing duty. All applicants must report to Nova Southeastern University (NSU) any such arrest or conviction after the filing of the application for admissions or during the time that the student is enrolled at the college. The admissions committee and NSU will consider new information submitted, and in appropriate circumstances, may change the status of an applicant or student.

Permission is hereby given to NSU to make any necessary inquiries and I voluntarily and knowingly authorize any former school, government agency, employer, person, firm, corporation, its officers, employees and agents, or any other person or entity making a written or oral request for such information.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Notices of Nondiscrimination and Accreditation**

Consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and/or local ordinances (e.g., Title VII, Title VI, Title III, Title II, Rehab Act, ADA, and Title IX), it is the policy of Nova Southeastern University not to engage in any discrimination or harassment against any individuals because of race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, nondisqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, unfavorable discharge from the military, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, and to comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination, equal opportunity, and affirmative action laws, orders, and regulations.

This nondiscrimination policy applies to admissions; enrollment; scholarships; loan programs; athletics; employment; and access to, participation in, and treatment in all university centers, programs, and activities. NSU admits students of any race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, nondisqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, unfavorable discharge from the military, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at NSU, and does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone number: 404-679-4501) to award associate's, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

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**Acknowledgment Statement**

I have read and understood the instructions. I certify that the information submitted in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. False and/or omitted information will invalidate this application and could result in rejection of the applicant or dismissal from the university if the applicant has already been admitted. Permission is hereby given to NSU to make any necessary inquiries and I voluntarily and knowingly authorize any former school, government agency, employer, person, firm, corporation, its officers, employees and agents, or any other person or entity making a written or oral request for such information. I agree that this information may be used by Nova Southeastern University for research and development purposes aimed at improving education and admissions programs.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_