

CRYSTAL EDSRC Web Page Cover/Welcome Letter

Welcome to the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling. We are a community of scholars, researchers, educators, teachers, and service and engagement personnel. Our department offers educational opportunities, covering birth through adulthood. We offer bachelor, master, and doctoral programs across the lifespan. You will find us to be inclusive and welcoming of individuals with different ideas and perspectives, and from different cultural, ethnic, and social backgrounds.

Our programs include: Early Childhood Education (bachelor, masters, and doctoral); Special Education including moderate and severe disability, learning disabilities, assistive technology, applied behavior analysis, visual impairments, and teacher certification (bachelor, masters, and doctoral); and master's and doctoral programs in Rehabilitation Counseling. Our programs meet national accreditation standards and our faculty are fully qualified and credentialed in the areas they teach.

Graduates are employed as teachers, counselors, educators, and program administrators. Our teacher education programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board. Our Rehabilitation Counseling master's and doctoral programs are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. Graduates of our teacher education programs become certified as teachers in their respective areas. Graduate of our Applied Behavior Analysis program are eligible for certification and licensure as Board Certified Behavior Analysts. Graduates of our Rehabilitation Counseling programs are eligible for certification and licensure as professional counselors.

As a Research 1 University, we are committed to conducting research in our areas of expertise. Faculty in all disciplines are leaders in their fields and conduct studies and investigations studies in Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling. We publish in scholarly journals and publish books in our fields. Frequently students are part of faculty research studies and serve as Teaching, Research, and Graduate Assistants. Faculty have received numerous national awards for research excellence.

I invite you to visit and explore our website. Information about programs and application procedures can be found on our website. Specific questions should be directly to faculty in your area of interest. You will find our faculty and staff to be welcoming and helpful. I certainly welcome general questions and inquiries and look forward to meeting with potential and current students. I can be reached at ralph.crystal@uky.edu or 859-257-4713.

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