You Belong @ U.Va.

Students in Educational Psychology-Applied Developmental Science (EP-ADS) program learn how to conduct rigorous education-based research and develop and evaluate interventions for children and youth in school and out-of-school settings.

PROGRAM FOCUS

The EP-ADS program focuses on:

• Interdisciplinary research using diverse and strength-based perspectives,
• Faculty-student partnerships on applied research projects that inform practice & policy,
• Strong preparation in rigorous methods & advanced statistical techniques,
• Work that impacts child & youth settings (e.g., childcare, classroom, after-school, etc.).

DEGREES & CAREERS OPTIONS

M.Ed. - Applications due February 1, 2016

• 12-month program in Charlottesville for full-time students (part-time options available).
• Provides foundational course work, internship experiences and career advising.
• Graduates work as research analysts, program coordinators and instructors in varied settings; some enter doctoral programs in related fields.

Ph.D - Application due December 15, 2015

• 4-year program for full-time students in Charlottesville.
• Offers intensive research apprenticeship where faculty and students partner on research.
• Graduates take positions in academia or research organizations.

Get to Know Our Work

Learn about and engage in research on:

• School Readiness
• Social and Emotional Development
• Student Engagement in Learning
• English Language Learners
• Ethnic Identity in Youth
• Self-Regulation in Childhood
• Academic Achievement
• Teacher Professional Development
• Identity Development in Youth
• Teacher-Student Relationships
• Supportive Relationships
• Adult Mentorship of Youth

Faculty Mentors: Sara Rimm-Kaufman (Director), Sonia Cabell, Julie Cohen, Nancy Deutsch, Jason Downer, Dave Grissmer, Bridget Hamre, Chris Hulleman, LaVae Hoffman, Joanna Lee Williams, Eileen Merritt, Jennifer LoCasale-Crouch, Natalia Palacios, Robert Pianta, Patrick Tolan, Diane Whaley, Jessica Whittaker, and Amanda Williford.

Learn more about our people: http://curry.virginia.edu/ep-ads

What Students Say

“The faculty mentorship that I received has helped me get twice as much out of my graduate school experience. The faculty really complement each other and help put my classes and research into context.”

-- EP-ADS Ph.D. Graduate Student
Hands-On Research

Students gain hand-on experience by partnering with faculty. Students learn how to conduct systematic observations and interviews, code and analyze data, present at professional conferences, prepare results for papers, and communicate findings to practitioners and policymakers.

Many students in Educational Psychology-Applied Developmental Science Program work with faculty and on research projects at research centers affiliated with the Curry School of Education.

YOUTH-NEX

The Center to Promote Effective Youth Development (Youth-Nex) is a transdisciplinary center devoted to promoting healthy youth development, educational attainment and learning through focused research, training and service.

Learn more on our website:
http://curry.virginia.edu/youth-nex

CASTL

The Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning (CASTL) is an interdisciplinary center advancing the quality and impact of teaching through scientific study or educational settings from infancy to higher education.

Learn more on our website:
http://curry.virginia.edu/castl

Ways We Build Community

Students work together in research projects and labs and in classes within and across cohorts. Students have opportunities to participate in both formal and informal writing groups. Students engage with U.Va. resources and receive support from faculty throughout their program!

CURRY FIT

Most students choose the Curry School of Education because they want to be educators, leaders, researchers and practitioners. Student tend to share a common goal to improve the lives of children and youth. Students receive extensive support to develop leadership, research and career skills.

CHARLOTTESVILLE FIT

Charlottesville has a big city feel in a small town setting with quick access to Washington DC and Richmond. With plenty of arts, music, food, and culture, Charlottesville has been voted Best College Town in America and Happiest City in the U.S.!

What Students Say

"I love the program’s focus on development, and the flexibility for me to incorporate my own research interests. The Curry School offers wonderful opportunities and resources to get involved with research and local community."

-- EP-ADS M.Ed. Graduate Student

Apply Now!

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