### GPA
Minimum GPA of 3.0 at the graduate level. **Competitive applicants will have a minimum 3.5 GPA at the graduate level.** Applicants whose GPA is below 3.0 will not be considered.

### Minimum Degree Requirement
Minimum of a Master's degree from an accredited program and an accredited college or university. **Competitive applicants will have earned a Specialist in Education degree and have completed educational research coursework beyond the Master’s degree.** To be used to satisfy degree requirements, evaluation of foreign educational transcripts must show degree earned that is the U.S. equivalency of degree required by the program.

### Official Transcripts
Official transcripts are required from all universities and colleges ever attended. Only in the case of transcripts from international colleges/universities will an official course-by-course transcript evaluation be accepted in lieu of an official transcript. Official transcripts should be sent to Augusta University’s Office of Academic Admissions. To remain official, all transcripts must remain in the original, unopened, sealed and stamped/signed envelope from the Registrar’s office of the issuing institution. Alternatively, Augusta University will accept official electronic transcripts from the registrar’s office at your prior institution. Electronic transcripts should be directed to graduateadmissions@augusta.edu

### References
Recommendations (which include a reference form and letter of recommendation) from three individuals are required. Referees should be individuals qualified to critically assess the applicant’s prior academic (usually college professors), employment, artistic, research and/or clinical experience (clinical or research supervisor/manager) and qualifications (as applicable) as well as the applicant’s potential as a graduate student in the field/program selected.

Recommendations can be submitted online only. Within the application, you will provide the names and current email addresses for three individuals you have asked to serve as your recommenders. Once your application is submitted, each recommender will receive an email notification directing them to the online site where they can complete their recommendation. To change a recommender after the application has been submitted, log into your ApplyWeb (CollegeNet) account and make updates. Status updates of your recommenders' submissions will be provided to you directly from ApplyWeb (CollegeNet).

### Proof of Lawful Presence
In accordance with Board of Regents Policy 4.1.6, all applicants for admission to Augusta University are required to provide validation of lawful presence in the United States. Acceptance to the Augusta University is conditional until lawful presence is verified. ALL applicants who are U.S. Citizens must submit documentation that verifies his/her lawful presence in the United States at time of application to graduateadmissions@augusta.edu.

### Purpose Statement
300-500 word purpose statement **clearly discussing how this program specifically aligns with the applicant’s career goals as an educational practitioner.** Completed statement must be submitted via email to graduateadmissions@augusta.edu

### Interview and Writing Exercise
Competitive applicants must complete a successful personal interview if selected. A writing exercise is also required. Information on the writing exercise will be shared with applicants **AFTER the application closes on November 2.**
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