Educational Psychology

The Department of Educational Psychology (EDEP) prepares educational leaders who contribute through innovative research, teaching, and service to promote the development of a diverse, just, and democratic society. EDEP programs are aimed at increasing competence in educational inquiry, encompassing human learning and development. Courses are offered in the areas of statistics, measurement, evaluation, research methodology as well as in the social and cultural contexts of human learning, cognition, and development. This department is the only one in the State preparing students for these fields.

EDEP Faculty Members
EDEP Faculty members are a diverse group with educational credentials from universities all across the U.S. and expertise ranging from culture in education, school consultation, cognitive learning strategies, measurement and advanced statistical techniques.

Current Faculty Research

EDEP Students
Educational Psychology students come from a variety of fields related to education, and graduates support education at multiple levels in the state, the Pacific region, and the world.

Graduates at Work at University of Hawai‘i
Joanne Itano, Interim Executive VP, Academic Affairs, UHM
Kathleen Berg, Director, Curr. Research & Dev. Group, UHM
Joseph Giotti, Professor, Natural Science, WCC
Graham Crookes, Professor, Second Language Studies, UHM
Martha Crosby, Professor, Inform. & Comp. Sciences, UHM

Graduates at Work in the Hawai‘i DOE
Glenn Hirata, Administrator, System Eval. & Rpting Section
Glenn Nochi, Evaluation Specialist, System Eval. & Rpting
Patricia Reiss, Test Dev. Spec., Student Assessment Section

Graduates at Work on the Continental U.S.
Sarah Bisconer, Assoc. Prof., Univ. of Missouri-Kansas City
William Greene, Professor, Southern Oregon Univ., OR
Gerald Knezek, Regents Prof, Univ. of North Texas
Joanne Lau-Smith, Assoc Prof., Southern Oregon Univ., OR
Alfred Lupien, Coordinator, Georgia School of Nursing

Graduates at Work Internationally
Richard Baldawi, Prof., The Univ. of Queensland, Australia
Wildak Chuanwanee, Dr. Prog., Srirakharinwirot Univ.
George Jacobs, Freelance Educator, Singapore
Soan Jean Hong, Prof., Korea Air & Corresp. Univ.
Hisako Inaba, Assoc Prof., Aoyama Gakuin Univ., Japan

EDEP Psychology Programs

Specialization Areas
General Educational Psychology
Study and application of psychological principles to understand cognitive, developmental, and socio-cultural factors affecting behavior, learning, and achievement and to further develop educational interventions and programs

Measurement, Statistics, and Evaluation (MSE)
Quantitative approaches to educational inquiry and the development of quantitative methods that underpin the development of evidence-based research in education

MEd
The MEd in Educational Psychology is a 30-credit program. Students choose Plan A (thesis track: recommended for students whose objectives include doctoral study) or Plan B (non-thesis track). Required courses depend on the area of specialization and choice of Plan A or B.

PhD
The PhD in Educational Psychology has a minimum requirement of 33 core credits. Students also take nine credits of coursework toward a cognate specialization and additional credits to complete their dissertations.

Recent Grant-Funded Initiatives
AFFECT (2010-2014) Activating Educators Focus on Family Engagement as Central to Teaching. The purpose was to develop three online modules on family engagement, document their preparation and examine their implementation and usefulness. Funded by The Learning Coalition (TLC), and additionally supported by the COE. For additional information, visit the AFFECT website: https://affect.coe.hawaii.edu/

CREDE (2003-2015) Center for Research on Education, Diversity, and Equity. Funded by multiple grants from the USDOE, Kamehameha Schools, and specific public schools, this project provides professional development to teachers to improve instruction for Native Hawaiians and other culturally and linguistically diverse students. The project recently expanded to include early childhood, post-secondary and special education. For more information, visit the CREDE website: http://manoa.hawaii.edu/coe/crede/