With sufficient qualifications, students with master’s degrees are admitted directly into the Ph.D. program in Human Development, with emphases on adult development and aging, child and adolescent development, family studies, and marriage and family therapy. Students with bachelor’s degrees are admitted to the doctoral track and complete an M.S. degree en route to the Ph.D. The completion of the Master’s thesis prepares students for admission into the Ph.D. program.

**ADMISSION MATERIALS:**
GRE Scores, a personal statement, and three letters of recommendation are required in the application.

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