

Dear Student:

As you experience your **Undergraduate Inquiry Seminars**, where you will be introduced to classroom-based inquiry skills and learn to use your classroom as a research site by posing critical questions about pupil learning, the Department of **Educational Research, Measurement and Evaluation** (ERME) within the Lynch School of Education, would like to tell you more about our graduate programs, including the fifth-year option.

Are you interested in a graduate degree in Education? If you are, and you're interested in working on a significant problem intended to improve the human condition, a Masters (or Doctoral) degree from ERME may be a good fit for you. Students in ERME ask significant questions about education and, through coursework and projects, are given the skill sets to research and answer those questions.

If during your Inquiry Seminar you find you are interested in questions similar to the following, ERME is a program for you to consider.

- ☞ How do countries differ in how they prepare their teachers?
- ☞ How much after-school tutoring seems to have a positive effect on standardized test scores?
- ☞ What types of test preparation are most appropriate for preparing for your state teacher tests?
- ☞ How can faculty make sense of their course evaluations over multiple years?
- ☞ How well does a person's salary predict their job satisfaction?
- ☞ How do you generate sensitive assessments to enhance student learning in a class?
- ☞ How do you measure one's commitment to social justice?

All of these involve the creation of measurement instruments, a knowledge of research design procedures, skill in running statistical software, and insight and creativity in practical explanations and communication of the results.

If this sounds like an interesting program and career you would like to more about, then please see the attached document, contact Dr. Larry Ludlow (Ludlow@bc.edu), and go to <http://www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/about/departments/erme.html>.

Sincerely,

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