Detailed information on all of our application requirements is available on the LSOE website:
www.bc.edu/lsoe/gradadmission

If you have any questions during the application process, do not hesitate to contact the Office of Graduate Admission at (617) 552-4214 or gsoe@bc.edu.

DEADLINES
To be considered for admission and potential scholarships, Ph.D. applicants are responsible for collecting and submitting all necessary application materials by the designated program deadline.

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Ph.D. Counseling Psychology (APA Accredited)
Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction
Ph.D. Applied Developmental and Educational Psychology
Ph.D. Educational Research, Measurement, and Evaluation
Ph.D. Higher Education

REQUIREMENTS
You may fill out your application online through Embark. Additionally, you will be able to pay your application fee, upload your personal statement, resume, writing sample, and additional information through the Embark online system.
After submitting your online application, you will receive an email from BC with your username and password to log into the Agora Portal. If you do not receive these credentials within 48 hours of submitting the form, please contact our Office of Admission, Financial Aid, and Student Services.

Transcripts and GRE scores must be mailed to the following address:

Boston College, Lynch School of Education
Data Processing Center
P.O. Box 226
Randolph, MA  02368-9998

If you are using FedEx or UPS, please use this address:

Boston College, Lynch School of Education
Office of Graduate Admission
Campion Hall 135
140 Commonwealth Avenue
Chestnut Hill, MA  02467
Once you create an online application through Embark, you will be able to login and logout as much as you wish. However, an application file in our system will not be created until you submit your application. Once you submit your application, you should receive an email with your BC username and Eagle ID that will allow you to log into the Agora Portal system to view your application status. The Embark application can be accessed through our website:
http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/schools/lsoe/admission/gradadmission/applying/online_instructions.html

A non-refundable application fee of $65 is required for every graduate application. The fee can be paid online through the Embark system or you can pay by check or money order (made payable to Boston College), via regular mail. The fee is waived for applicants who are involved in Teach for America, the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, the McNair Scholars Program, and the Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers.

You can upload a resume in the Embark application. In addition to your academic history and relevant work experience, it is helpful for the review committee if you include the following information on your resume:
- Any teaching or counseling experience (and any licenses already held)
- Any social justice related experience
- Any language skills other than English (especially Spanish language skills)
- Any research experience or publications

You can upload a personal statement in the Embark application. Your personal statement should be 2-3 pages in length, double spaced. It should address your motivation for applying to the program and how your previous experiences qualify you for graduate work.

You can upload a writing sample in the Embark application. Doctoral applicants are asked to submit one piece of work that demonstrated their writing ability. This writing sample may be an academic term paper, a published work in which you are the primary author, a training manual or curriculum that you have created, a clinical case formulation, or another representative sample of your writing. The length of the writing sample varies by program, as follows:
- Counseling Psychology: 15 pages
- Curriculum and Instruction: No more than 25 pages
- Educational Research, Measurement, and Evaluation: 20 pages
- Applied Developmental and Educational Psychology: 15 pages
- Higher Education: 25-30 pages
We require that our doctoral applicants submit three letters of recommendation, with at least two coming from academic sources (professors familiar with your academic work) and one or more from a practical or applied setting. Once you have created an Embark application, you will be able to register your recommenders in the application system. They will immediately receive an email with the link to the electronic reference form, so be sure to contact your references before registering them.

Official transcripts, bearing the official seal of the institution and the signature of the registrar, are required for all previous post-secondary education. Photocopies are not accepted. We only require one copy of each transcript. If you are currently an undergraduate student and have been accepted to a program, you must send us a final transcript, showing all coursework, degree granted, and date of degree confirmation. Your offer of admission could be rescinded if we do not receive an official copy of this transcript before the beginning of your first term.

Applicants to the Ph.D. in Higher Education and the Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction must have completed a Master’s degree by the start of entering the Ph.D. program. Our other Ph.D. programs will consider direct admit candidates.

The GRE General Test is required for all Ph.D. programs. The Lynch School’s code is 3218. Official test scores must come directly from the testing agency. Applicants should make arrangements to register for admissions tests well in advance of application deadlines to assure that the test results will arrive in time. All test results must be received on or before the application deadline.