

U-FUTuRES 2.0

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is U-FUTuRES 2.0?

U-FUTuRES 2.0 is a one-year, on online, job-embedded graduate certificate teacher professional development program that deepens teachers' disciplinary science content knowledge and strengthens their science-specific teaching practices. Upon successful completion of the program, teachers are awarded a Graduate Certificate in Science Teaching.

2. What will U-FUTuRES 2.0 prepare teachers to do?

This fast, practical, in-service program, prepares teachers to teach inquiry-based science allowing students to examine science phenomena, develop evidence-based claims, and engage in reasoning and explanation. In the process, students learn core science ideas as they develop and use science and engineering practices.

3. What courses will I take?

Over the course of one year, participants will complete 5 eight-week online courses. The overarching goal of the five courses is to deepen teachers' knowledge of disciplinary core ideas, cross-cutting concepts, and effective teaching strategies. (*See Program of Study and course descriptions*)

4. Where will classes be offered?

U-FUTuRES 2.0 is an online program. It may include a 1-day face-to-face interaction with faculty and other teachers in the cohort.

5. Can my credits be transferred to a masters' degree?

Yes. The program consists of five graduate level courses. If a teacher earns a B or above in a course, the credits can be transferred to a Master's degree in science education at the School of Teaching and Learning, College of Education, University of Florida. A teacher will need to meet all the requirements of the University of Florida to be admitted to the graduate program.

6. What is the cost of the program?

The total cost of the certificate program (15 credits) is \$10,750, inclusive of all course materials. The program offers a partial scholarship to teachers accepted into the program. The university requires a mandatory non-refundable application fee of \$30.

7. How much is covered by the scholarship?

The scholarship will cover the last 9 of the 15 credits (\$6450 value). Participants will be responsible for funding the first 6 credits (\$4300).

8. Can I choose to do fewer courses than the 5 in the sequence?

Yes, a participant can choose to be enrolled in one or more of the courses. However, the scholarship will not be available for partial participation in the program.

