**Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction**

**Application Requirements**

**Curriculum Vitae (CV)** – The content of the submitted CV should include, but is not limited to: contact information; your educational and academic background (degrees sought, obtained and the institutions attended); research activities (publications and/or conference presentations); teaching experiences, service activities, and other professional experiences including accomplishments and professional organization memberships.

**Research Statement** – In the research statement, discuss your research interests that are based on your academic background, your work experience(s), and scholarly literature if possible, in relation to the track (e.g., CSTE, LDLS, STEM, general education) to which you are applying (word limit: 1,500 words). For example, address the following questions in your research statement:

* Why are you pursuing a doctoral degree in the track that you are applying and why here at Texas Tech University?
* What is your research interest(s) and why do you want to pursue them?
* How does your research interest(s) align to faculty research agendas in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction at Texas Tech University?
* What is your professional goal after graduation?

**Three Letters of Recommendation** – Please provide three recommendation letters from professional and/or academic references. Please solicit letters from individuals in academic or academic adjacent fields who can speak to your academic and/or professional performance as an educator and future researcher (Solicit letters of recommendation from individuals with whom you have a professional relationship for more than six months).

**Writing Sample for CSTE Track Only**:  Ideally, a writing sample of 5-10 pages will demonstrate your ability to conduct educational research aligned to the track's focus (e.g., curriculum studies, teacher education, instruction, and teacher development). This sample may be a section/selection from a larger body of work, such as previous submissions for coursework, grant proposals, published materials, or one chapter of a thesis or exemplary work submitted in a previous course. The writing sample should showcase your writing skills, including mechanics, organization, logic, and argumentation.

**To find the most up-to-date information on the application process, please visit the College of Education Graduate Application Process page.**