Courses

EDUC 1000 Building Community, Culture, and Learning in Education: 1 semester hour
This course provides an introduction to college life, scholarly endeavors and opportunities for growth available during undergraduate study. It is designed to nurture future educators, support them to be successful in the college environment, and initiate relationships which will continue through their academic and professional careers.

EDUC 1001 Early Clinical Experience: Community Agency: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Current and clear background check and current and clear TB screening. This course involves education candidates in active and purposeful early clinical experiences with regional community agencies. Candidates are required to participate at agencies to meet organization goals and course objectives. Professionalism and effective communication are emphasized as program standards to build relationships, support learners' intellectual development and academic learning goals. Readings on research and analysis of informal learning, cultural competency in instruction, and curriculum and achievement are required. Completion of this course partially fulfills early clinical requirement for teacher certification. Twenty (20) clock hours outside class time is required.

EDUC 2002 Social Entrepreneurship: 3 semester hours
This course examines the mindsets, skills, and approaches that social entrepreneurs use to solve problems in society. Students will explore why social entrepreneurs do what they do, how they create positive change in people's lives, and how much impact they have at local to global scales. Students will identify sustainable models for social innovation, formulating social entrepreneurship action plans. Previous experience with, or the desire to become a social entrepreneur in the future, is not required.

EDUC 2204 Special Topics in Education: 1-3 semester hours
Prerequisite: Completion of 75 hours and consent of instructor. Examination of a special area or topic within the field of education. Topics to be considered will be announced prior to registration and may vary. For elective credit only. This course may be repeated for different topics. Not to exceed a total of six hours credit.

EDUC 2222 Interpretation: Connecting Audiences and Meaning: 3 semester hours
Interpretation is a process for forming intellectual and emotional connections between the interests of an audience and the inherent meanings within a resource. This class covers interpretive methods for development and delivery of thematic, non-formal, presentations to various audiences. The class also introduces informal exhibit design, customer service and social media as they relate to interpretation.

EDUC 2297 Independent Study: 1-3 semester hours
Prerequisite: Completion of 75 hours and consent of instructor. Independent study through readings, research, reports and conferences designed to provide depth in areas of study previously introduced in education courses. For elective credit only. May be repeated. Not to exceed a total of three hours credit.

EDUC 3170 Grant Proposal Writing for Educators: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent and junior standing. An introduction to grant proposal writing for educators and other professionals in community agencies, cultural institutions, and childcare centers. Students will practice writing the customary parts of a grant proposal as they learn essential concepts in fundraising, nonprofit management, and social entrepreneurship. Writing assignments include cover letters, problem statements, organizational profiles, project descriptions, budget narratives, and evaluation plans. Collaboration and peer review are required. Emphasis is on clarity, conciseness, format, style, tone, persuasiveness, and evidence basis.

EDUC 4000 International Education Field Experience: 2-4 semester hours
Prerequisites: ED PSY 2212, consent of instructor, minimum GPA of 2.5, current and clear background check, and current and clear TB screening. This field experience will be supervised by university faculty. Students will travel to a country to explore the culture and educational system. Prior to the field experience students will receive training that includes familiarization with the culture and educational system of the host country. Students will complete approximately 50 hours per credit hour in travel and cultural exploration as well as designed educational experiences. Course may not be repeated for more than 6 credit hours. This course will satisfy the cultural diversity requirement if the country is appropriate.

EDUC 4989 Internship I: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Junior Standing, Admission to the Bachelor of Educational Studies Program, or Consent of Instructor. Supervised field experience in educational settings to prepare for planning, research, evaluation, and other professional activities in the student's emphasis area of concentration that will be carried out in EDUC 4990 and EDUC 4991.

EDUC 4990 Internship II: 6 semester hours
Prerequisites: B- or better in EDUC 4989, senior standing, or consent of instructor. Supervised field experience in an approved setting.

EDUC 4991 Internship III: 6 semester hours
Prerequisites: B- or better or concurrent enrollment in EDUC 4990 or consent of instructor. Supervised field experience in an approved setting.

EDUC 5006 Graduate Workshop: 1-10 semester hours
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

EDUC 6142 The History and Practice of Community Education: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Graduate standing. Students will explore the history of community-based education initiatives cultivating the insights, capacities and skill sets required to lead educational innovation, use information, media and technology effectively, strengthen cultural literacies, and engage in leadership and community development.

EDUC 6308 Graduate Institute: 1-10 semester hours
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

EDUC 6408 Graduate Seminar: 1-10 semester hours
Seminar on an educational topic or special issue not normally included in the regular curriculum.

EDUC 6442 Leadership in Community Education: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Graduate Standing. Students will explore the leadership skills and capacities required for effective community-development efforts, including social innovation and entrepreneurship, adaptive management, cultural competence, and how to work with community collaborators to plan and implement inclusive projects.
EDUC 6491 Staff Development and Professional Growth: 1-10 semester hours
Designed in conjunction with an individual school district or educational agency and related to problems of education confronting that specific district or agency.

EDUC 6998 Thesis Research: 1-10 semester hours
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

EDUC 7050 The Research Process I: Framing Research Questions within Educ Lit: 3 semester hours
Same as ED ADM 7050. Prerequisites: Admission to the Ed.D. or Ph.D. in Education Programs. An overview of the essential elements of research proposals and familiarization with the techniques and tools used to identify important research questions within the education literature. Emphasis is placed on exploring the research literature and both framing and justifying research questions within that literature.

EDUC 7205 Action Research for Educational Practitioners: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D cohort or consent of instructor. Study of small-scale simulations that introduce students to the fundamentals of framing relevant questions, working in community, writing field notes, interviewing, technologies to support and help analyze data, and storytelling. Particular attention will be given to representing perspectives of various stakeholders including students, parents, administrators, and colleagues.

EDUC 7210 Survey Design for Educational Practitioners: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort or consent of instructor. Application of relevant theories, research, and pedagogical practices in designing surveys for educational settings. Focus on instrument development and design, forming questions and scales, and sampling methods as well as analysis of results and presentation for various target audiences in educational organizations and settings.

EDUC 7215 Data Analysis for Educational Practitioners: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort or consent of instructor. Guided workshop to conduct quantitative and/or qualitative analysis on data collected by learning communities. Develops specific skills necessary for research, e.g., using software for statistical or qualitative analysis, coding interviews or observation notes for patterns, doing critical discourse analysis, etc.

EDUC 7220 Designing Research for Educational Practitioners: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort or consent of instructor. Guided workshop, applying the principles of research design, to design a study of the research issues selected by the learning community. Course covers how to develop research questions, choose among quantitative and qualitative methods, and consider the best, ethical practices.

EDUC 7225 Ethnography for Educational Practitioners: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort or consent of instructor. The study of ethnography as a methodology to engage in field research and provide the conceptual, theoretical, and empirical knowledge base for action research.

EDUC 7230 Interviewing for Educational Practitioners: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort or consent of instructor. Provides opportunities for developing skills in interviewing individuals and groups to identify, describe, assess and compare educational programs, practices and policies. Emphasis on interviewing experts in the field and research participants in educational research field studies.

EDUC 7295 Inquiry Seminar for Educational Practitioners: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort or consent of instructor. Seminar on a specified approach to inquiry in order to obtain or analyze information of interest to scholar-practitioners leading educational programs through continuous improvement cycles.

EDUC 7305 Representing Data for Educational Practitioners: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. learning community or permission of instructor. Methods for presenting and displaying various types of data to a range of target audiences. Means of assuring accurate representation and the advantages and disadvantages of various methods are reviewed. Displays include tables, graphs, and charts. Current software programs to aid representation are reviewed.

EDUC 7310 Integrating Technology in Learning for Educational: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort or consent of instructor. Appropriate technology tools for carrying out individual or group research and assessment projects will be identified and integrated. The appropriate tools will be learned and applied to present, analyze and complete projects.

EDUC 7315 Project Management for Educational Practitioners: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Admission to the Ed.D. program or consent of instructor. Tools for and approaches to managing complex projects in educational organizations, including establishing goals, subdivision of work, formation of work groups, planning and scheduling, establishing and tracking time lines, deployment of resources to complete a project, and addressing constraints. Use of current software for charting and reporting projects.

EDUC 7320 Financial and Budgeting Skills for Educational Practitioners: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort or consent of instructor. Examines budgeting and finance systems of educational institutions, both from the perspective of theory, research and policy development, and from the perspective of actual budgeting and practice. There will also be an emphasis on the impact of federal and state policy regarding the finance of educational institutions, as well as the processes by which budgets are developed and resources allocated.

EDUC 7325 Grant Writing for Educational Practitioners: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort or consent of instructor. Provides hands-on help for current and would-be grant writers. Examines search tools to locate likely request for proposals, explores text and subtext issues, develops a timeline for grant development and submission, provides practice on how a peer review system works, considers issues related to revision and follows the real processes engaged in by successful grant recipients.
EDUC 7330 Human Relations Skills for Educational Practitioners: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Admission to Ed.D. program or consent of instructor. Exposure for educational practitioners in a variety of leadership roles to basic human relations skills, effective interventions which can be made with the individual worker, and assessment skills to enable the leader to determine if referral to a mental health professional is warranted. Effective ways of confronting employees because of impaired job performance, giving performance evaluations, providing career development and planning information, identifying work transitions in their employees, and identifying stress and stressors in the work environment, along with identifying substance abusing workers and deciding what to do about them.

EDUC 7395 Tool Seminar for Educational Practitioners: 1 semester hour
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort or consent of instructor. Seminar on a specified tool used by leaders of educational institutions or programs for organizational improvement or as part of a continuous improvement cycle.

EDUC 7415 Topics in Education: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: Admission to the doctoral program. Intensive study of a topic in education.

EDUC 7490 Directed Readings in the Education Research Literature: 1-6 semester hours
Prerequisite: Doctoral Standing. Independent study of the education research literature in an area defined in consultation with an advisor.

EDUC 7495 Doctoral Research Tools: 1-6 semester hours
Prerequisites: ED REM 6710. A structured individual or small group instructional or supervised investigative experience in and with a specific research skill and/or procedure that will be needed in the production of a doctoral dissertation. This course may not substitute for any existing graduate courses that cover the same research tool skills.

EDUC 7600 Learning Community of Practice I: 1-6 semester hours
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort. Applying the scholarship of teaching and learning through asset mapping, inquiry formation, and selected readings. Students explore professional connections, interests, beliefs and reflect on practice.

EDUC 7605 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Educational Practice: 2 semester hours
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort. Exploration of learning through practice and reflection within a community of scholars committed to situated best practice in education.

EDUC 7610 Learning Community of Practice II: 1-6 semester hours
Prerequisites: EDUC 7600. Identifies and examines research problems by developing skills of inquiry, integrating prior knowledge, and evaluating extant research.

EDUC 7615 Evaluation of Educational Programs: 2 semester hours
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort. Assessment of programs for continuous improvement cycles within educational settings.

EDUC 7620 Learning Community of Practice III: 1-6 semester hours
Prerequisites: EDUC 7610. Selection and definition a problem of practice to be addressed through research by the learning community members. Includes building relationships within and outside the learning community and designing structure to support inquiry into a problem of practice.

EDUC 7625 Building Socially Just Educational Communities: 2 semester hours
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort. Examination of the role of culture and the analysis and application of social justice components in learning communities.

EDUC 7630 Learning Community of Practice IV: 1-6 semester hours
Prerequisites: EDUC 7620. Design and pilot of the research, selection of tools of inquiry, location of resources and needed support, and analysis of data.

EDUC 7635 Ethical and Legal Issues in Educational Practice: 2 semester hours
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort or consent of instructor. Examines legal and ethical perspectives, conflicts and professional practice in education, especially in education leadership. Introduces ethical theories and studies approaches to problem-solving strategies, focusing on anticipating legal issues before they arise; methods and tools to prevent and resolve legal problems will be practiced.

EDUC 7640 Learning Community of Practice V: 1-6 semester hours
Prerequisites: EDUC 7630. Preparation of dissertation proposals, consideration of research tools, establishment of process in research sites and attention to the adherence to high ethical standards.

EDUC 7642 Sociocultural Perspectives In Education: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: Doctoral standing and consent of instructor. Investigation of sociocultural theory with a focus on educational applications. Topics include the social formation of mind, language as cultural tool, methodological issues in social science research, and dialogic inquiry as pedagogy.

EDUC 7650 Learning Community of Practice VI: 1-6 semester hours
Prerequisites: EDUC 7640. Preparation of dissertation proposals, consideration of research tools, establishment of process in research sites and attention to the adherence to high ethical standards. A continuation of EDUC 7640.

EDUC 7880 Research Internship I: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Nine hours of research methods or statistics and consent of instructor. Supervised experience in the conduct of research studies or scholarly inquiry.

EDUC 7881 Research Internship II: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: EDUC 7880 and consent of instructor. Supervised experience in the conduct of research studies or scholarly inquiry.

EDUC 7882 Research Internship III: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: EDUC 7881 and consent of instructor. Supervised experience in the conduct of research studies or scholarly inquiry.

EDUC 7889 Laboratory of Practice: 1-6 semester hours
Prerequisites: Admission to an Ed.D. cohort. Field experience that bridges theory and practice in solving complex, situated problems of practice.

EDUC 7950 Preparation for Writing the Dissertation Proposal: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Completion of research method course requirements and EDUC 7880. An in-depth examination of the essential elements of a dissertation proposal. Particular emphasis is placed on examining the validity and reliability or the trustworthiness of the design of proposed research. Tools for identifying strengths and weaknesses are applied to proposals. Critique of proposals is employed. Also reviewed is the process of presenting and defending a proposal.

EDUC 7998 Dissertation in Practice Research: 1-8 semester hours
Prerequisite: Admission to pre-candidacy in the EdD program.
EDUC 7999 Dissertation Research: 1-12 semester hours
Prerequisite: Admission to pre-candidacy in the PhD in Education program.