

Education

Courses

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 explore the role of social entrepreneurs with an emphasis on how social entrepreneurs create change in people's lives and their impact on local to global scales. Students identify sustainable models for social innovation and formulate social entrepreneurship action plans. Previous experience as a social entrepreneur 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 in EDUC 4990 (may be taken concurrently) or consent of instructor. Supervised field experience in an approved setting.

EDUC 5006 Graduate Workshop: 1-10 semester hours

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

EDUC 5612 Intrapreneurial Leadership: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing. This course helps graduate students bring people and resources together to create value within existing organizations. Intrapreneurial leadership focuses on identifying and leveraging opportunities to enhance organizational responsiveness, growth, and vitality.

EDUC 5616 Accelerate Intrapreneurial Experience: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Graduate standing. This course equips graduate students to apply theories of leadership, entrepreneurship, innovation, and systems thinking within real-world organizational or business contexts. Students propose and implement a new program, product, or service model that builds organizational capacity and financial sustainability.

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 6404 Seminar: 1-10 semester hours

Seminar on an educational topic or special issue not normally included in the regular curriculum.

EDUC 6408 Graduate Seminar: 1-10 semester hours

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor. Intensive study of selected issues in education.

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 in Education Research: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Admission to the EdD or PhD in Education. This course is an overview of the essential elements of writing a research proposal including, identifying a problem statement and conceptualizing critical research questions. The course emphasizes exploring the research literature, framing research questions, and justifying them based on the literature.

EDUC 7200 English Academic Support: 1-3 semester hours

This course addresses the language needs of international doctoral students as they perform scholarly analysis and write at the doctoral level. The course contributes to the development of skills necessary for the successful completion of the dissertation. This course may be repeated for a maximum of 27 credit hours.

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: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Admission to an EdD cohort or consent of instructor. This course provides an overview of the quantitative skills needed for research including using software for statistical data analysis. The course facilitates an understanding and application of statistical techniques used for survey research.

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 sub-text 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 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 EdD cohort. This course requires students in the Ed.D. learning communities to apply the scholarship of teaching and learning through asset mapping, inquiry formation, and selected readings. Students develop professional connections, explore their interests and beliefs, and reflect on a problem of 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. This course requires students to identify and examine 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. This course assists students in the selection and definition of a problem of practice addressed through research by the learning community members. This 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 and Ethical Educational Communities: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Admission to the EdD program. This course examines the role of culture, analyzes social justice components, and considers ethical and legal issues for learning communities.

EDUC 7640 Learning Community of Practice V: 1-6 semester hours

Prerequisites: EDUC 7630. This course requires students to prepare a dissertation proposal. This involves selection of research tools, establishment of study procedures at research sites, and adherence to high ethical standards for conducting research.

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. This course is a continuation of EDUC 7640, which requires preparation of a dissertation proposal, selection of research tools, establishment of study procedures at research sites, and adherence to high ethical standards in research.

EDUC 7660 Learning Community of Practice VII: 1-6 semester hours

Prerequisites: EDUC 7650. This course requires preparation of a dissertation proposal, selection of research tools, establishment of study procedures at research sites, and adherence to high ethical standards in research.

EDUC 7670 Learning Community of Practice VIII: 1-6 semester hours

Prerequisites: EDUC 7660. This course requires students to prepare the final chapters of the dissertation, understand and perform data analysis, interpret the results for a problem of practice, provide recommendations for future research, and disseminate the results to applicable audiences.

EDUC 7680 Learning Community of Practice IX: 1-6 semester hours

Prerequisites: EDUC 7670. This course assists students to prepare the final chapters of the dissertation, understand and perform data analysis, interpret the results for a problem of practice, provide recommendations for future research, and disseminate the results to applicable audiences.

EDUC 7690 Learning Community of Practice X: 1-6 semester hours

Prerequisites: EDUC 7680. This course prepares students to defend the dissertation. This includes assistance with the dissertation manuscript and the oral defense.

EDUC 7710 Research Methods and Design for Educational Practitioners: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Students must be admitted to the EdD program in order to enroll in this course. This course prepares educational practitioners to identify and understand research questions and develop appropriate research designs to answer them. Students learn how to critically evaluate research reports.

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: 1 semester hour

Prerequisites: Completion of research methods course requirements. This course provides 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.