Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

The Ed.D. in Educational Practice degree is designed for educational practitioners interested in: (1) leading critical analyses of existing problems of practice and (2) proposing solutions to those problems of practice that can be assessed for effectiveness. Students are admitted to a learning community of practice, under the mentorship of a faculty team that focuses on an area of educational practice (theme).

Students seeking the Ed.D. degree are expected to meet the Graduate School’s relevant practitioner doctoral degree requirements and procedures.

### Degree requirements

1. **Learning Community of Practice Seminars**
   - EDUC 7600: Learning Community of Practice I
   - EDUC 7610: Learning Community of Practice II
   - EDUC 7620: Learning Community of Practice III
   - EDUC 7630: Learning Community of Practice IV
   - EDUC 7640: Learning Community of Practice V
   - EDUC 7650: Learning Community of Practice VI
   - Total: 15-20 hours

2. **Laboratory of Practice**
   - EDUC 7889: Laboratory of Practice
   - Total: 3 hours

3. **Required Common Courses**
   - EDUC 7215: Data Analysis for Educational Practitioners
   - EDUC 7395: Research and Technical Writing for Educational Practitioners
   - EDUC 7615: Building Socially Just and Ethical Educational Communities
   - EDUC 7710: Research Methods and Design for Educational Practitioners
   - ED REM 7781: Qualitative Methods in Educational Research I
   - Total: 15 hours

4. **Tools Courses**
   - EDUC 7310: Integrating Technology in Learning for Educational Practitioners
   - EDUC 7325: Grant Writing for Educational Practitioners
   - Total: 2 hours

5. **Specialization**
   - Courses in an area of specialization (can include Master’s or Education Specialist work)
   - Total: 30-60 hours

6. **Dissertation in Practice**
   - EDUC 7998: Dissertation in Practice Research
   - Total: 8 hours

**Total:** minimum 80 hours, post-baccalaureate

### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

- Design solutions to complex problems of practice related to educational practices that are equitable, ethical, and socially just.
- Construct and apply educational practice knowledge to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals, families, organizations, or communities.
- Demonstrate effective collaboration and communication skills when working with diverse communities and building partnerships.
- Integrate practical and research knowledge with systemic and systematic inquiry in educational practice.
- Create solutions to problems of practice by generating, transforming, and using professional knowledge and practices related to educational practice.
- Take part in and develop communities of practice highlighting their value and function.
- Implement change in their professional practice and within educational practice organizations using critical reflective practice.