

Doctor of Education Degree Requirements

Students in the Ed.D. program select one of four options and meet the corresponding “Major Specialization” requirements. The options are: Education Administration; Adult & Higher Education; Teaching-Learning Processes; and Counselor Education.

Note: Hours are counted from the Bachelor’s degree forward and can include a Master’s degree program.

Degree Requirements

1. Foundations, 12 hours from: philosophical, historical, psychological, sociological, anthropological, and comparative foundations of education, as well as curriculum, instruction and supervision.

2. Research Methods, 12 hours:

6 hours from:

Quantitative research methodology, Educational Research & Evaluation Methods (ED REM) 6710 and above.

6 hours from

Qualitative research methodology

Note: Beginning with Fall 2006 Research Methods requirements change to:

All students in options except Counselor Education should take in order:

ED REM 6735: Statistical Analysis for Education Research (3 hours)

ED REM 6750: Advanced Research Design in Education (3 hours)

Plus any two of the following (6 hours):

ED REM 7771: Quantitative Research Methods I

ED REM 7772: Quantitative Research Methods II

ED REM 7781: Qualitative Research Methods in Educational Research I

ED REM 7782: Qualitative Research Methods in Educational Research II

Plus any other ED REM course numbered 6000 or higher or a research course in their major specialization curriculum (3 hours).

Students in the Counselor Education option should take:

ED REM 6710: Educational Research Methods and Design

ED REM 7771 and 7781 plus ED REM 7772 or 7782

3. Common doctoral seminars, 6 hours

EDUC 7050, The Research Process I: Framing Research Questions with the Education Literature

EDUC 7950, The Research Process II: Developing and Refining Education Research

Proposals

4. Major Specialization, 21-39 hours:

Educational Administration Option

Educational Administration (ED ADM) or other courses selected in consultation with the advisory committee, including internship (3-9 hours).

Adult and Higher Education Option

Adult Education (ADU ED) or Higher Administration (HIR ED) or other courses selected in consultation with the advisory committee, including internship (3-9 hours).

Teaching-Learning Processes Option

Teacher Education (TCH ED) courses or courses in education in a teaching field, including courses on curriculum construction and the design and improvement of instruction, all selected in consultation with the advisory committee, including internship (3-9 hours).

Counselor Education Option

Counseling Education (CNS ED) or other courses selected in consultation with the advisory committee, including internship (3-9 hours).

5. Minor Specialization, 12-18 hours

A secondary area of expertise identified in consultation with the advisory committee

6. Dissertation, 12 hours

Total: minimum 90 hours, post baccalaureate

Note: Doctoral students sit for the Comprehensive Examination at the end of their course work. Upon completion of course work and passing of the Comprehensive Examination, students apply for Candidacy and enroll in dissertation research hours. Students graduate with a successful defense of their dissertation work. Doctoral students must complete the last half of this program as a doctoral student at UM-St. Louis unless they enter the program with an Ed.S. degree. A complete set of policies for doctoral students is available on the UM-St. Louis Graduate School web site.