Doctor of Philosophy in Education Program Components

Categories of Course Work and Credits Required
(see note below about Master’s degree hours)

1. Foundations (9-12 hrs.)
2. Research Methods (15-18 hrs.)
3. Major Specialization (21-27 hrs, 16 in residence as Ph.D. student)
4. Minor Specialization (12-15 hrs.)
5. Research Internship (6-9 hrs.)
6. Exit Course (EDUC 7950; 3 hrs.)
7. Comprehensive Examination
8. Dissertation Research (12 hrs.)

The minimum total credit hour requirement to complete the Ph.D. in Education degree is **90 hours post-baccalaureate.** Up to 44 hours of graduate work, typically the Master’s degree hours plus post-Master’s hours) can be applied to the foundations, research methods, and minor specialization categories as appropriate. The Master’s degree work can usually be applied without regard to the age of the degree but post-Master’s work should be recent (4 to 6 years old).

There is an 8-year time limit for completing the Ph.D. in Education.

The final program configuration, including how previous course work is used in the various categories, is determined at a meeting of the student, the student’s advisor, and two additional faculty members in the area of study. This meeting takes place 2 to 3 semesters after program entry.