

Ed.D. in Education - Elementary Educ Description

The Ed.D. degree in elementary education prepares graduates to assume positions such as teacher educators, curriculum directors, state department of education personnel, or leaders in other educational settings. Doctoral-level students generate and utilize research, apply research and theory in curriculum development, and communicate ideas through writing and speaking with other professionals in the field.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 99

Goals/Mission Statement

The philosophy of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, as it applies to the preparation of teachers, is reflected by the belief that teachers should be prepared to: - Develop and engage in appropriate teaching strategies by studying, interacting, practicing, and reflecting; - Collaborate in identifying and meeting the broad range of goals for which schools are responsible in today's society; - Show by modeling and encouraging students the dispositions of leading, thinking, problem solving, and lifelong learning; - Respect and serve culturally diverse populations and communities; and - Assume responsibility for the quality and effectiveness of their professional lives.

Course Requirements

The Ed.D. degree requires a minimum of 81 hours of course work, plus 18 hours of dissertation, for a total of 99 hours beyond the bachelor's degree. Requirements include the professional core, including Edrs 501- Educational Statistics I, Edrs 605-Educational Research I, Edrs 701- Educational Statistics II, Edrs 704-Foundations of Qualitative Research Methodology, Edrs 705-Educational Research II, and Edfd 609-The Cultural Context of Education. Additionally, candidates must take Edci 503- Measurement and Evaluation for the Classroom Teacher and Edci 601- Advanced Curriculum Theory and Practice. All electives should be approved by the candidate's adviser.

Other Academic Requirements

Doctoral candidates must complete a written comprehensive exam, present a professional portfolio and a complete dissertation, in addition to completing 75 hours of approved field experiences.

