EDUCATION (PHD) - EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION EMPHASIS

Description

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in education with an emphasis in early childhood education is 69 hours above the master's/specialist's degree(s). Candidates in the program acquire deeper and broader skills and knowledge of the field of early childhood education. Doctoral-level classes emphasize current research-based theories and practice designed to prepare candidates for leadership positions in special education.

Doctoral degree graduates complete a program of study that requires a minimum of 69 graduate hours of coursework post master's/specialist's degree(s), which includes 18 hours of dissertation. Each doctoral candidate will successfully complete and defend a written comprehensive examination and a dissertation representing independent and original research.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 69

Course Requirements

Below is a listing of the courses to complete in order to satisfy the degree plan in the elementary education Ph.D. program. The courses are organized here to convey thematic categories within the degree program rather than to reflect the chronological order or exactly how they will be grouped when listed on the Department of Teacher Education advising forms or website. More information on each course is available through the course listings in the Graduate Catalog. **The degree program requires at least 69 hours of coursework.**

Code	Title	Hours
Professional Core		
EDFD 6090	The Cultural Context of Education	3
EDFD 7070	The Professional Philosophy	3
EDRS 7010	Educational Statistics II	3
EDRS 7040	Foun. of Qualitative Research Method	3
EDRS 7050	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods	3
or EDRS 7060	Applications of Qualitative Research	
EDRS 7999A	Special Topics in Educational Research	3
Professional Competencies		
EDCI 7050	Directed Studies in Higher Ed Teaching	1-6
EDCI 7020	Directed Studies in Collaborative Resear	1-6
EDCI 7060	Directed Studies in Collaborative Writin	1-6
Doctoral Seminar and Internship		
EDCI 7000	Doctoral Seminar I: Investigation (Research Review, Literature Review Procedures, CV)	3
EDCI 7900	Doctoral Seminar II (Job Search, Job Interviews, Grant Writing)	3
Dissertation		
EDCI 7998B	Dissertation in Practice	18
Specialization		
	Candidates will work closely with their academic advisers to select specialized courses that align with the candidates' professional and academic goals.	18

The program requires a minimum of 69 credits beyond a masters/specialist degree to earn an PhD.