

# DOCTORATE OF EDUCATION

<http://www.pacific.edu/sacedd>

Location: 3200 Fifth Ave. Sacramento, CA 95817

## Degree Program

**Doctor of Education (EdD) in Education with specialization in:**

- Leadership and Innovation

## Admissions Requirement

- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better for the last 60 units of college or post-baccalaureate work
- An appropriate degree from an accredited university (master's degree for admission to doctoral programs).
- A completed application portfolio to Graduate Admissions, an essay(s) following concentration-specific guidelines; official transcripts from all college-level coursework including official verification of the awarding of degrees; and three letters of recommendation that attests to the candidate's ability to undertake doctoral studies.
- Interviews with faculty are required for the EdD program.
- Evidence of qualities and character in keeping with the philosophy and standards of this University and Benerd Education Programs.
- Some programs may have additional requirements. Please contact the Program Lead for additional information.

## Program Stages

The approval of the dissertation proposal by the student's committee advances the student to Doctoral Candidacy.

## Dissertation

An acceptable dissertation must be based on an original investigation. It must present either a contribution to knowledge and/or understanding, or an application of existing knowledge to the candidate's special field of study. The dissertation must be submitted by the appropriate deadlines as stated in the current Graduate Academic Calendar. As noted above, students admitted to the EdD program in the Benerd College require a minimum of 2 units and maximum of 5 units of Dissertation units (EDUC 399) that are completed after the dissertation proposal has been completed. After coursework is completed, students must register for at least one unit of EDUC 399 in each semester (including once during summer) to maintain active student status until the dissertation has been successfully defended, unless on an approved leave of absence. Students are not required to register in the semester immediately following a successful final defense.

## Period of Candidacy

The maximum time allowed for completion of an EdD program is governed by the following: All requirements for the Doctor of Education degree must be completed within the time limit outlined in the Residence and Time Limits section (<https://catalog.pacific.edu/stocktongraduate/academicregulations/#Residence>) of the Academic Regulations page of the graduate catalog. Students who do not meet these deadlines are dropped from the doctoral program.

## Final Oral Examination

A final oral examination, conducted by the candidate's dissertation committee, is held in accordance to the deadline established by Benerd College. This oral exam concerns itself with the candidate's dissertation. Supplemental information is available in the Benerd College department offices.

## Semester Hour Requirements

A minimum of 56 doctoral units is required for the EdD degree. Some (usually no more than 6) post master degree units may be approved by petition for transfer from another university and count toward the 56 doctoral units.

Students who take doctoral core courses as part of a MA degree completed at Pacific may count those units towards their EdD. Students graduating from a 32-unit program in Benerd can count up to 6 units requirements toward both degrees.

Students who receive the EdS degree and then decide to apply to the EdD or who are seeking the degrees concurrently may count 28 units from their EdS degree towards their EdD. Students concurrently working on the EdS and EdD may count the 28 units from the EdS towards the EdD if the EdS degree posts before the EdD. Students need to obtain a minimum of 28 units beyond the EdS to obtain the EdD.

Students who are working towards a MA degree with a concentration in Counseling Psychology that exceeds 32 units may apply for and enroll in the EdD with a concentration in Counseling Psychology after successful completion of their first 32 units in the MA degree.

Students who receive the MA degree with a concentration in Counseling Psychology and then decide to apply to the EdD with a concentration in Counseling Psychology or who are seeking the degrees concurrently may count units taken after the first 32 units in the MA degree towards their EdD.

Students who graduated from Benerd's MA in Leadership can consult with their advisor/program lead and the Associate Dean to transfer up to 6 units from the MA in Leadership to the EdD (Leadership & Innovation or Transformative Action in Education concentrations).

If students complete their MA degree requirements before completing their EdD requirements, they may be awarded the MA degree before completing EdD requirements.

Credit value of the dissertation: Not less than 2 nor more than 5 units.

## Grade Point Average Requirements

Grade point average of at least 3.0 in all work taken while in graduate studies is required. Preferably this should be 3.5.

## Minimum Residence

The period of residence work represents an opportunity to secure additional competency in the area of specialization as well as the development of an acceptable dissertation. Residency requirement can be met by taking 18 units of coursework within 12 calendar months.

## Courses Outside the Field of Education

Related graduate courses outside the field of education may count towards the EdD upon prior approval of the advisor and the Dean of Benerd College.

## Students will be able to:

- Contribute to their discipline through conducting an original research study
- Critique and synthesize existing information relevant to their area of inquiry
- Apply appropriate methodologies to their process of inquiry

- Analyze data gathered through their process of inquiry and draw appropriate conclusions from that data
- Synthesize their results with previously existing information

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| EDUC 367 | Seminar: Leadership in Diverse Organizations |
| EDUC 368 | Seminar: Leading Complex Organizations       |
| EDUC 372 | Program and Organization Evaluation          |
| EDUC 380 | Leading Innovation                           |

## Doctorate of Education

The Doctorate of Education (EdD) requires a minimum of 56 units with a Pacific cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Students must complete the doctoral core courses as well as a dissertation proposal and defense.

Based upon state and federal laws, additional units and requirements may be necessary for those students electing to earn a credential, certification or license along with the graduate degree (e.g., teaching credential, licensed educational psychologist, or licensed psychologist). Students interested in earning a credential, certification or license should work closely with advisor and credential staff. Student may choose to specialize in one or more areas. Students will be required to complete a dissertation at the conclusion of the program.

### I. Core

**Option A** - A minimum of 21 units. Required option for all concentrations with the exception of Educational Psychology and Specialization in Counseling Psychology.

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| EDUC 202    | Statistical Thinking and Communication           | 3 |
| EDUC 322    | Qualitative Methods for Action-Oriented Research | 3 |
| or EDUC 323 | Critical Methods in Qualitative Research         |   |
| EDUC 325    | Quantitative Research Design and Methods         | 3 |
| EDUC 352    | Applied Inquiry I                                | 3 |
| EDUC 354    | Applied Inquiry II                               | 3 |
| EDUC 356    | Applied Inquiry III                              | 3 |
| EDUC 358    | Applied Inquiry IV                               | 3 |

**Option B** - A minimum of 21 units. Required for Educational Psychology and Specialization in Counseling Psychology concentrations.

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| EDUC 201 | Techniques of Research                   | 3 |
| EDUC 202 | Statistical Thinking and Communication   | 3 |
| EDUC 304 | Program Evaluation                       | 3 |
| EDUC 325 | Quantitative Research Design and Methods | 3 |
| EDUC 326 | Applied Multiple Regression              | 3 |
| EDUC 327 | Structural Equation Modeling             | 3 |
| EDUC 352 | Applied Inquiry I                        | 3 |

### II. Research and Dissertation

(Minimum 5 units)

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| EDUC 399 | Doctoral Dissertation  | 2-5 |
|          | Education Electives related to Dissertation at 200-300 level | 0-3 |

### III. Concentrations

Students in Sacramento ordinarily must complete the concentration as part of their course of study. In order to earn a concentration, students must fulfill the general requirements listed above as well as specific concentration requirements listed below. A single course may be used to fulfill requirements in two or more specializations.

#### Specialization Concentrations

##### Leadership and Innovation

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| Select 18 units from the following Specialization courses: |   | 18 |
| EDUC 360   | Trends, Issues, and Dynamics of Change    |    |
| EDUC 364   | Policy Analysis, Creation, and Navigation |    |

#### Cognate Concentrations

**IV. Of the required 56 units a minimum of 18 units must be from the Benerd College**

**V. Of the required 56 units a minimum of 18 units must be taken at the 200 or 300 level**