

# DOCTORATE OF EDUCATION

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Location: Gladys L. Benerd Building

## Degree Program

### Doctorate of Education

Concentrations are offered in the following areas:

- Counseling Psychology (Psychologist License Eligible)
- Leadership and Innovation
- Transformative Action in Education

## Admissions Requirement

- a. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better for the last 60 units of college or post-baccalaureate work
- b. An appropriate degree from an accredited university (master's degree for admission to doctoral programs).
- c. 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.
- d. Interviews with faculty are required for the EdD program.
- e. Evidence of qualities and character in keeping with the philosophy and standards of this University and Benerd Education Programs.
- f. 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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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.

EDUC 202	Statistical Thinking and Communication	3
EDUC 322 or EDUC 323	Qualitative Methods for Action-Oriented Research Critical Methods in Qualitative Research	3
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.

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)

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

### III. Concentrations

Students may elect to specialize in one or more specific areas. In order to earn a specialization concentration, students must fulfill the general requirements listed above as well as specific specialization concentration requirements listed below. A single course may be used to fulfill requirements in two or more specializations concentrations.

Students interested in earning a credential or license along with the degree will need to fulfill specific requirements as mandated by state and

national governing organizations. In order to ensure these requirements are fulfilled, the student must work closely with an academic advisor and the credential staff in the Benerd College.

For students entering the Leadership & Innovation or the Transformative Action in Education concentration, up to 9 units into either concentration may be accepted. Transferrable coursework must meet the following criteria:

- Courses must be post-baccalaureate and qualify for graduate or first-professional credit, with no distinction made between a completed or uncompleted degree.
- A grade of B or better (or its equivalent)
- Completed less than 7 years ago
- Determined by the program lead and approved by the Dean/Dean Designee, and the Registrar

### Specialization Concentrations

#### Counseling Psychology (Psychology license eligible)

18 units of Specialization courses:		18
CPSY 320	Psychotherapeutic Interventions	3
CPSY 325	Group Counseling	3
CPSY 313	Law and Professional Ethics for Mental Health Professionals	3
CPSY 363	Psychopathology and Wellness Promotion	3
CPSY 355	Psychological Assessment	3
CPSY 360	Neuropsychology	3
Elective Courses List		
CPSY 306	Advanced Human Development I	3
CPSY 307	Advanced Human Development II	4
CPSY 308	Advanced Human Development III	2
CPSY 328	Theories of Multicultural Family Therapy and Collaboration	3
CPSY 332	Crisis Intervention	3
CPSY 340	Consultation Methods	3
CPSY 310	Advanced History and Systems in Psychology	3
CPSY 350	Behavior Assessment and Intervention	3
CPSY 351	Academic Assessment and Intervention	3
CPSY 358	Behavior and Personality Assessment	3
CPSY 316	Psychopharmacology for Mental Health Professionals	3
CPSY 315	Advanced Social Psychology	3
CPSY 334	Spousal and Partner Abuse, Detection, and Intervention	1
CPSY 337	Alcoholism and Chemical Substance Abuse Dependency	3
CPSY 335	Child Abuse Assessment and Reporting	1
CPSY 317	Human Sexuality	1
CPSY 394	Counseling Practicum	1-6

Or any Special Topics course (CPSY 393)

#### Leadership and Innovation

Select 18 units from the following Specialization courses:		18
EDUC 360	Trends, Issues, and Dynamics of Change	
EDUC 364	Policy Analysis, Creation, and Navigation	
EDUC 367	Seminar: Leadership in Diverse Organizations	
EDUC 368	Seminar: Leading Complex Organizations	
EDUC 372	Program and Organization Evaluation	

EDUC 380      Leading Innovation

**Transformative Action in Education**

Select 18 units from the following Specialization courses: 18

EDUC 314      Socio-Cultural Perspectives and Inquiry

EDUC 315      Cultural, Social, and Emotional Literacy

EDUC 316      Systems Thinking and Inquiry

EDUC 317      Aesthetics, Arts, and Imagination

EDUC 319      Teaching as a Subversive Activity

EDUC 353      Interdisciplinary Ways of Seeing, Knowing, and Acting

EDUC 360      Trends, Issues, and Dynamics of Change

EDUC 368      Seminar: Leading Complex Organizations

EDUC 372M    Measuring Social Impact

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**