

DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN EDUCATION

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Faculty in the concentrations listed below participate in this program. Refer to specific concentrations elsewhere in the catalog.

One may pursue a program of study leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree in education through any of 5 approved concentrations: curriculum and instruction, educational administration, educational psychology, health education, and workforce education and development.

Students must satisfy the requirements of the Graduate School in addition to the College of Education and Human Services requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in education. General policies pertaining to the Doctor of Philosophy degree in education are enumerated in this section; policies specific to each concentration may be obtained from the appropriate departmental chair.

For program descriptions of Master of Science in Education degrees, the student should review the material listed in this publication in the appropriate departmental section or consult the appropriate department.

Application

Applicants must submit the standard application materials to the department into which they wish to gain admission. A non-refundable application fee of \$20.00 must be submitted with the application. Attach your check or money order, payable to Southern Illinois University, to the top of the application form. Do not send cash. Only checks or money orders payable to United States banks will be accepted. Additional data may be requested by the faculty of the specific concentration. The student is encouraged to contact the appropriate departmental executive officer for specific guidelines.

Admission and Retention

The appropriate department reviews all documents relative to the student and makes a recommendation to the academic affairs committee of the College of Education and Human Services; this committee makes the final admission recommendation through the dean of the College of Education and Human Services to the Graduate School. Retention standards beyond minimum Graduate School standards are established by each concentration and are available from the departmental executive officer of the appropriate department.

Advisement

For each student a doctoral committee consisting of a minimum of 5 members is constituted and approved according to procedures described in the *Ph.D. Policies and Procedures Manual of the College of Education and Human Services*. Copies of the manual can be obtained from the dean of the College of Education and Human Services. The doctoral committee also serves as the student's dissertation committee.

The program, planned to include all graduate study beyond the master's degree, should be approved at a meeting of the student's committee. The program is then forwarded to the dean of the College of Education and Human Services for final approval and filing.

Program Requirements

Each doctoral student in education must successfully complete a prescribed core of 8 semester hours in social and philosophical foundations of education (EDUC 590) and in psychological foundations of education (EDUC 591). For each concentration there are also basic courses which should be completed prior to the student taking the preliminary examination. Information about these specific courses can be obtained from the appropriate departmental executive officer.

Research Competencies. The Ph.D. degree in education is a research-oriented degree. As such, it consists of a program of studies and other appropriate experiences designed to facilitate the acquisition of knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to conduct systematic intellectual inquiry. This overall aim is accomplished via two major program components: (a) general research competencies, including an understanding of the fundamental nature of approaches to problem solution and an appreciation for the role of research in professional education, are developed through completion of a minimum of 32 semester hours of course work in any of 5 approved concentrations, and (b) specific technical and methodological competencies are developed through completion of individually prescribed research tools. Such tools are selected on the basis of their appropriateness for the area of concentration in which the student is working and their relevance to the student's research interests. Research tools are applied in the process of completing requirements for the doctoral dissertation. A list of approved research tools for the Ph.D. degree in education is available in the *Ph.D. Policies and Procedures Manual of the College of Education and Human Services*.

Preliminary Examination. All students in the Ph.D. program in education must take the preliminary examination over areas determined by the student's doctoral committee. In addition, the examination may cover areas specific to a concentration. The examination is offered 3 times a year: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the fifth week of each term.

A student may petition the doctoral committee for permission to take the preliminary examination after successful completion of the research requirement, successful completion of all or most of the course work, and successful completion of the doctoral seminar sequence in education. A student who fails the examination on the initial attempt may take the examination 2 additional times. If at that time the student has not passed the examination, the student is dropped from the program.

Admission to Candidacy. A student may be advanced to candidacy after the student has completed the 2 doctoral seminars, EDUC 590 and 591, fulfilled the residency requirements for the doctoral degree (see degree requirement in Chapter 1), met the research tool requirement, and passed the preliminary examination. The doctoral committee chair should initiate the admission to candidacy forms and forward the forms to the dean of the College of Education and Human Services. Admission to candidacy is granted by the dean of the Graduate School upon the recommendation of the dean of the College of Education and Human Services. The doctoral degree may not be conferred less than six months after admission to candidacy, except upon approval of the dean of the Graduate School.

Dissertation. The doctoral committee consists of a chair who is authorized to direct doctoral dissertations and at least 4 others who are authorized to serve on doctoral committees. The committee is appointed by the dean of the Graduate School upon the recommendation of the dean of the College of Education and Human Services. At least one member of the committee must be from a department other than that of the student and at least one member from a unit outside the College of Education and Human Services.

In choosing a topic for the dissertation, the candidate should prepare a prospectus for the dissertation and submit the prospectus to the doctoral committee for approval. After the doctoral committee approves the prospectus, the chair of the committee files one copy of the approved prospectus in the office of the dean of the College of Education and Human Services.

Satisfactory completion of the dissertation requirement includes the passing of an oral examination covering the dissertation and related areas.

Courses (EDUC)

460-3 (1,1,1) Conflict Resolution: Prevention and Intervention Strategies. Preventive interventions for teachers, administrators and related school personnel to teach students strategies for interrupting or decreasing violence in schools and classrooms will be covered in each section of the course. Those taking the course will gain knowledge and skills needed to help students learn anger management skills, consequently equipping them with alternatives to resorting to violence or other destructive behavior. Specific violence prevention interventions will be covered in the following areas: **(a)** anger management, **(b)** peer mediation, **(c)** bullying.

501-1 to 12 Graduate Student Teaching. A requirement for the Master of Arts in Teaching and Alternative Route to Teacher Certification programs. The student teaching experience is necessary for certification by entitlement. Prerequisite: admission to the M.A.T. or alternative route to teacher certification programs.

550-1 to 10 Experimental Education. Offered for purposes of testing new and experimental courses and series of courses within the College of Education and Human Services. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

590-4 Doctoral Seminar in Cultural Foundations of Education. This seminar is one of two courses required for all students pursuing a doctoral program in the College of Education and Human Services. The primary objectives are to aid in the development of the Doctoral student's own nature and reflective theory of education; to help students pursue their scholarly activities in relation to the whole field of education; and to make the student aware of the resources of scholarship in other disciplines which may be considered foundational to education. Prerequisite: admission to the Ph.D. program in education.

591-4 Doctoral Seminar in Behavioral Foundations of Education. This seminar is one of two courses required for all students pursuing a doctoral program in the College of Education and Human Services. The primary objectives are to aid the student in describing the attitudes, assumptions and practices which underlie empirical inquiry; to help the student to recognize the strengths and weaknesses of the various types of research in terms of methodology employed; and to aid the student in identifying and refining a research question and constructing a research design appropriate to answer the research question. Prerequisite: admission to the Ph.D. program in education.