Doctor of Education

(For all requirements see website www.uni.edu/catalog/collegeofeducation - for PDF version see listing for "College of Education" under the "Interdisciplinary" section of this university catalog.)

Students interested in the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree must submit a completed Application for Admission to Graduate Study and should refer to their MyUNiverse Student Center To-Do list or contact the appropriate Intensive Study Area (ISA) for any other application requirements. Graduate information and application for graduate admission can be found at www.grad.uni.edu/admission. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required for admission to the program.

This program is intended to provide practicing educators, in formal and nonformal settings, the opportunity to continue their study and earn the terminal professional degree in their field. The Ed.D. degree requires a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit beyond the master's degree. There are three components to the program:

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<td>Professional Common Core (work in educational foundations, fundamentals, and research)</td>
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<td>Advanced Professional Study (in one of three areas of intensive study)</td>
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By design, all students are required to study in basic areas that undergird and define educational practice and develop skills of problem definition, data collection and analysis, and interpretation. The three areas of intensive study provide for a specialized focus on practice. The three intensive study areas (ISAs) are:

- **Allied Health, Recreation, and Community Services**
- **Curriculum and Instruction**
- **Educational Leadership**

Note: Students interested in special education with the Curriculum and Instruction ISA or the Educational Leadership ISA should consult the respective ISA descriptions for further information.

In some areas, it is possible to combine doctoral degree study with work toward an endorsement to perform a particular role in K-12 education.

**Brief definitions of the three ISAs follows:**

**Allied Health, Recreation, and Community Services**

This area of intensive study is designed to provide students with advanced planning, management, supervision and evaluation of programs in the community and its institutions. The combined areas of allied health, recreation and community services are diverse professional areas knitted together by a unified commitment to enhancing, enriching and sustaining individual well-being and quality of life. Each of these areas contributes unique and different professional perspectives, yet, at the same time, focuses on the individual and collective well-being of people, communities and society as a whole. Graduates are prepared for careers as applied scholars, evaluators, athletic administration, administrators of community nonprofit organizations, youth serving agencies, public parks and recreation agencies, foundations, and government agencies. The program of study will be based upon student's needs, interests, and upon approval by an academic advisor and program of study committee. (For more information, contact the Chair of Leisure, Youth and Human Services Division, the Health Promotion and Education Division, or the Athletic Training Division in the School of Kinesiology, Allied Health and Human Services.)

**Curriculum and Instruction**

This area of intensive study is designed to prepare scholar practitioners to plan, implement, evaluate, and supervise educational programs for children, from infancy through adolescence, and adult learners, inclusive of a wide variety of diversity. Faculty in this intensive study area come from many departments and disciplines, including but not limited to prekindergarten through tertiary curriculum and pedagogy; foundations of education in psychology, philosophy, social sciences; disability studies, gifted and talented, and multicultural education; literacy education; instructional technology, school library studies; and P-12 content areas such as mathematics, physical education, science, social studies, and language arts. Students interested in becoming special education scholar-practitioners to plan, implement, evaluate, and supervise educational programs for children and adult learners with an emphasis on inclusion and diversity will apply for admission through the Curriculum and Instruction Intensive Study Area. For more information see www.uni.edu/coe/departments/curriculum-instruction/graduate-study/doctoral-study.

**Educational Leadership**

This area of intensive study in education administration prepares personnel for leadership positions in PK-12 schools, post-secondary institutions, and other educational services or settings. Typical positions held by educators with the terminal degree focused on educational leadership include: principals, superintendents, school district central office administrators, professors of educational leadership, special education directors at the Area Education Agency level...
or Department of Education administrators and consultants. Students interested in special education administration will apply for admission through Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education. (For more information, contact the Head, Department of Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education, or please see the catalog at www.uni.edu/catalog.uni.edu/collegeofeducation/educationalleadershipandpostsecondaryeducation or visit the Department of Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education website at www.uni.edu/coe/departments/educational-leadership-postsecondary-education.