

# REQUIREMENTS FOR THE Ed.D. DEGREE

## Department of Educational Studies

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The purpose of this sheet is to describe the general requirements for the Education Doctorate (Ed.D.) degree offered through the Department of Educational Studies with students specializing in either Educational Administration or Higher Education and Student Affairs. Additional details regarding the EdD are available in the Graduate Studies Handbook (<http://ehe.osu.edu/educational-studies/students/degree-information/>) on our web site. All policies set forth by the Department of Educational Studies supplement the policies set forth in **Section 7.17** of the Graduate School Handbook. Students are responsible for knowing the requirements for their degree. Other sections within the Graduate School Handbook are also important for successful completion of your graduate degree.

Students are expected to have a master's degree prior to admission to the Ed.D.

I. Program Requirements

Specific program requirements have been developed within each specialization. The student should complete the *Ed.D. Program Sheet and Annual Review* with his or her advisor and submit it to the Student Services Office during the first semester of enrollment. The program sheet will be updated during the student's annual reviews will be turned in to the Student Services Office, 122 Ramseyer Hall. A final review of coursework will be conducted prior to the Professional Examination and submitted to the Student Services Office

Some programs require minimum grades in courses. Please clarify this with your advisor. Any student who fails to achieve a required minimum grade will retake the course prior to graduation.

II. Core Course Requirement

Doctoral students in the Department of Educational Studies are required to take two courses during their first year of doctoral studies: EDUCST 6891 Doctoral Proseminar and EDUCST 6892 Educational Policy and Inequality in Social and Cultural Context: Integrating Research Traditions.

III. Research Requirement:

TWO (2) graduate courses in research or scholarly methods (a minimum of SIX (6) graduate credit hours) are required beyond the Master's degree. Consult with your advisor to determine a series of appropriate inquiry courses for your program.

Students in the Department of Educational Studies are strongly encouraged to take research methodology coursework from Quantitative Research, Evaluation and Measurement and/or from Qualitative Inquiry.

IV. Minimum Hours:

A minimum of 80 graduate hours beyond the baccalaureate degree is required to earn the doctoral degree. If a Master's degree has been earned, then a minimum of 50 graduate credit hours beyond the Master's degree is required. Twenty-four of those 50 hours must be completed at Ohio State. Please check your specific specialization for minimum credit hour requirements.

V. Professional Examination Committee:

The professional examination committee is composed of at least three authorized Graduate Faculty members and includes the student's advisor as chair. The advisor of an Ed.D. student must hold membership at the Category P level in the graduate program of the student. Graduate Faculty Representatives are not assigned to professional examinations.

VI. Professional Examination:

Students are required to take a professional doctoral examination testing the student's understanding of the theoretical and applied fundamentals of the field as well as the student's readiness to engage in a sustained clinical or professional experience. The timing of the professional doctoral examination is set in accordance with the

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requirements of professional preparation but generally precedes a sustained clinical or professional experience. The student must submit an Application for Professional Exam form at least two weeks prior to the scheduled date of the exam. The *Application for Professional Examination* is an online form available at <http://gradforms.osu.edu>. (Choose Professional and not Doctoral)

Procedures for completing the professional examination are available from the student's advisor. The student and advisor should meet at least one semester prior to taking the exam to review the student's program of study, make decisions on the examination committee, and discuss the procedures for completing the examination.

VII. Failure:

A student who fails the professional doctoral examination twice is not allowed an additional examination. After two unsatisfactory attempts at the professional doctoral examination, a student is not permitted to be a doctoral candidate in the same or any other graduate program at this university.

VIII. Final Document

Students in professional doctoral programs submit an original final document demonstrating original thinking and the ability to evaluate research in the field analytically. Students in professional doctoral programs are expected to follow the document formatting standards of their disciplines. Each committee member indicates approval of the student's final document by posting their decision on the Report on Final Document form. The final version of the student's final document is retained permanently by the student's program. Final documents must not contain material restricted from publication.

Students in the Department of Educational Studies will complete a "Dissertation in Practice." Guidelines for completing the Final document are available from the student's advisor and follow the expected norms for educational leadership. Once the final document revisions are complete, the document will be sent to the Student Services Office for archiving ([EdStudies@osu.edu](mailto:EdStudies@osu.edu)).

IX. Final Document Committee

The final document committee is composed of the advisor, who must be a Category P Graduate Faculty member of the student's home program, and at least two other authorized Graduate Faculty members. Graduate Faculty Representatives do not serve on the final document committee.

X. Exit Requirement

Students are required to complete an exit requirement designed by the professional doctoral program to demonstrate candidates' preparation for advanced practice in the profession. The exit requirement is structured around the final document.

In the Department of Educational Studies, the exit requirement is an oral presentation of the document to the appropriate stakeholders based on the project completed.

XI. External Reviewers

External reviewers may assist in the evaluation of professional doctorate candidates by reviewing the final document or by participating in the exit requirement.

XII. Time Limits:

Professional doctoral degree requirements must be completed within five years after a student passes the professional doctoral examination.

XIII. Review:

On written appeal by the student, the Graduate School Grievance Committee will review the professional doctoral examination or exit requirement to ensure its conformity to Graduate School rules and to determine if it was conducted fairly and without prejudice to the student. The Graduate Council has established review procedures ([Appendix D](#) of the Graduate School Handbook).

