DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

We prepare experienced mid-career professionals to make a real difference in the places they live and work. Our online curriculum empowers doctoral students all over the world to pursue the issues they're passionate about and bring meaningful change to their communities, without having to leave them.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Develop a broad understanding of scholarly approaches to education and education reform
- Learn methods for researching and analyzing critical practice-based issues
- Conduct a doctoral research study that investigates a compelling educational challenge

Get Started

- Available mostly online with some on-campus requirements
- No application fee

> Campus locations in:
  - Boston
  - Charlotte
  - Seattle

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

Required Courses (21 Q.H.)

- Introduction to Doctoral Studies
- Transforming Human Systems
- Leadership Theory & Research
- Fundamentals of Research
- Research Design
- Proposal Development
- Changing Conceptions of Learning & Human Development

Concentration Courses (15 Q.H.)

- Curriculum, Teaching, Learning, & Leadership
- Higher Education Administration
- Organizational Leadership Studies

Elective Courses (12 Q.H.)

- Students take additional courses from any concentration.

Doctoral Thesis Courses (12 Q.H.)

- Thesis Proposal and the Internal Review Board
- Thesis Data Collection, Initial Analysis, & Management
- Thesis Data Analysis and Presentation
- Thesis Findings and Discussion

Regional Research Courses (9 Q.H.)

- North Carolina Board of Governors state licensure requires the Doctor of Education program for North Carolina residents to include three additional regional research courses for a total degree requirement of 69 quarter hours of credit.

Total Degree Requirements (60-69 Q.H.)

- On average, students can complete this degree in three years.

INDUSTRY INFORMATION

Percentage of jobs that typically require a doctoral or professional degree for entry

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Average Lifetime Earnings by Degree Level

- Bachelor’s Degree: $2.26m
- Master’s Degree: $2.67m
- Doctoral Degree: $3.65m


Other Programs Available*:

- Doctor of Law and Policy
- Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Administration
- Graduate Certificate in Adult & Organizational Learning

*Check our website for program and concentration availability at specific campus locations.