

Doctoral Program: Early Childhood Education

The Ed.D./Ph.D. program provides the opportunity for the current and future leaders in the field to extend knowledge in early childhood education and develop understandings of current and future issues in the field. These opportunities are organized into coursework, practical experiences in the field, and research. The program will enable candidates to:

- Strengthen theoretical understandings of early childhood education
- Increase knowledge of human growth and development, with emphasis on the young child
- Strengthen expertise in the principles and practices of early childhood education
- Develop skills in administration and organization of early childhood education programs
- Increase awareness of support services to families of young children
- Develop research and analysis skills that will further and support current knowledge in the field

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ECE 7010	Child Development and the Educational Process
ECE 7020	The Leadership/Supervision of Early Childhood Centers and Programs
FPR 7011	Philosophical and Theoretical Foundations of Leadership
ECE 7030	Trends, Issues, and Research in Early Childhood Education
ECE 7040	Cultural and Socioeconomic Influences Affecting Diverse Learners
EDL 7140	Organizational Change
ECE 7050	Models of Assessment
ECE 7060	Curriculum Models in Early Childhood Education
ECE 7070	Language, Literacy and Reading Instruction in Early Childhood Education
EDL 7210	Policy Analysis
ECE 7080	Legal Issues in Early Childhood Education
EDL 7300	Ethics for Educational Leaders
ECE 7090	Family and Community Relationships and Advocacy
ECE 7110	Early Childhood Education Internship
RES 7605	Quantitative Analysis
RES 7700	Quantitative Analysis
RES 7900	Research Design
COMP 7000	Comprehensive Exam (fee based)
DISS 7010	Dissertation
DISS 7020	Dissertation
DISS 7030	Dissertation
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RES 7700	Quantitative Analysis
RES 7800	Mixed Methods Research
RES 7600 OR RES 7620 OR RES 7710	Survey Research OR Advanced Topics in Statistics OR Advanced Topics in Qualitative Analysis
RES 7900	Research Design
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* Students must register for DISS 8000 repeatedly (as needed) to maintain continuous enrollment until program completion.

NOTE: Those who intend to apply for financial aid should complete the financial aid process at the same time they apply for admission. Financial aid is available to admitted students (not pending/guest status) and is not retroactive.

This is only an introduction of the program. You are responsible to review the Graduate Catalog for program details.