

EDUCATION, PHD

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Program Description:

Syracuse University has a long tradition of leadership in the field of education and is recognized nationally and internationally for its leadership and vision in inclusive and equity focused education.

The PhD in EDUCATION at Syracuse University (SU) affords students the opportunity to examine critical issues in the field of education from an equity-oriented and inclusive lens. It encourages expansive thinking and new ways of examining important educational issues through sustained, interdisciplinary, and rigorous inquiry. At SU we pursue both aims by supporting broadly framed inquiry and in-depth investigations into a focus area of research.

The PHD in EDUCATION is designed to prepare students for leadership positions in education. Students graduating from the program seek higher education faculty positions, as well as leadership positions in education, research, government/policy, and in public and private agencies and organizations.

The PhD program supports opportunities for students to engage in interdisciplinary, cross-cutting, and equity focused coursework, along with specialized focus area coursework. In addition to required coursework, students take courses in research methods, School of Education signature focused electives, as well as a 15-credit hour student-identified focus area.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate knowledge of critical foundations of education including historical, theoretical, and policy issues impacting education.
2. Analyze and apply knowledge of research-based and equity-oriented pedagogy and practice
3. Describe and apply a range of research methodologies and modes of inquiry
4. Locate, synthesize, critique, and communicate a topically focused body of literature
5. Demonstrate effective university teaching and related professional practices (e.g. mentoring, advising, supervising)
6. Design, conduct, and disseminate original educational research informed by School of Education signatures

Required Coursework (6 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
EDU 781	Addressing Systemic Racism in Education	3
EDU 801	Introduction to Educational Research & Inquiry	3

Dissertation Preparation Course Work (3 credits)

Students choose one dissertation preparation course. The following is an example of a course that would satisfy this requirement:

Code	Title	Credits
EDU 843	Pre-Dissertation Seminar	3

Research Methods (12 credits)

Students are required to take twelve credits of research methods coursework, including the following foundational courses:

Code	Title	Credits
EDU 603	Introduction to Qualitative Inquiry	3
EDU 647	Introduction to Quantitative Research	3
Additional six credit hours selected in consultation with doctoral advisor to ensure both a depth and breadth of knowledge in research methods and to develop further expertise appropriate to dissertation research.		6

SOE Signature Electives (9 credits)

Students are required to take nine credits of signature electives. These include coursework related to: Inclusive & Anti-Racist Pedagogy and Practice, Digital Pedagogy and Practice, and Experiential Pedagogy and Practice. A list of signature electives is provided to students each year.

Focus Area (15 credits)

Each student must establish an area of focus in addition to the required doctoral curriculum. Courses for this 15-hour focus area will be determined by the student in consultation with their doctoral advisor.

Dissertation (6 credits)

Students are required to take a maximum of six credits of dissertation.

Notes:

- Up to 30 credits may be transferred from related master's coursework. If an admitted student does not transfer 30 credits, the additional credits may be earned by taking additional courses in their focused area and/or signature elective courses.
- A minimum of 39 credits of doctoral program coursework must be taken at Syracuse University (excluding dissertation credits).
- No more than six credits can be taken outside of SOE
- Coursework cannot double count within the above noted categories.

Applications are reviewed in December and early January for the following fall. A writing sample must be submitted when applying to the program.

Degree Total = 81 credits

Other Requirements

Students must complete the following milestones:

1. Annual Reviews
2. Qualifying exams (taken no later than the semester following the completion of coursework) focused on two areas related to their proposed dissertation: a.) literature review; and b.) research methodology. Exams are supervised and evaluated by the student's dissertation advisor and dissertation committee.
3. Oral examination of dissertation proposal.
4. Oral examination of dissertation.