

Approx. program length:

**38 months**

Credits:

**54**

Cost per credit:

**\$810**

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

**Online**

## Doctor of Education

Are you looking to elevate or support your organization or educational institution using practical, research-based tools? Our Doctor of Education (EdD) prepares you to use analytical, critical and innovative thinking to improve performance and solve complex problems in education. This program does not lead to any educational licensure or certification.

### You'll learn how to:

- Use leadership theory and principles to help organizations with strategic planning
- Address legal, regulatory and compliance issues within educational organizations
- Evaluate current research and use statistics to solve complex educational issues
- Address modern issues affecting education using social, historical and philosophical research
- Develop an evolving personal leadership style based on ethical and moral principles

Projected job growth:

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**7%**

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

## What can you do with a Doctor of Education?

An EdD can prepare you to be a:

- School administrator
- Academic affairs dean
- Academic affairs vice president
- Academic dean
- College president, dean
- Dean of students
- Provost
- Instructional designer

## Institutional accreditation

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), [hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org). Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.

Total credits required:

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**54**

## Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 54 credits to complete this online doctorate in education.

## 18 Core Courses

Here's where you'll pick up the bulk of your program-specific knowledge. By the time you finish these courses, you should have the confidence and skills needed in this field.

- EDD/700: Introduction to Education Administration in Doctoral Study
- LDR/711A: Leadership Theory and Practice
- RES/709: Research Conceptualization and Design
- DOC/714S: Symposium I
- RES/724: Qualitative Methods and Design
- RES/710: Statistical Research Methods and Design I
- EDD/724: Instructional Leadership
- EDD/722: The Legal Context of Education
- DOC/715: Doctoral Seminar I
- EDD/731: The Economics of Education
- EDD/712: Leadership in Contemporary Organizations
- DOC/723: Doctoral Seminar II
- EDD/714: Comparative Models of Educational Environments
- EDD/723: Ethics and Values in Learning Organizations
- DOC/741: Doctoral Dissertation
- EDD/733: Evaluation and Assessment Methods
- DOC/719S: Symposium II
- DOC/742: Doctoral Project IV

## Dissertation

You'll begin your [dissertation](#) in your third course and follow a schedule of milestones throughout your program. This helps you manage your dissertation in smaller segments and helps identify any research methodology challenges early, so surprises or delays can be addressed.

## Symposium

While some doctoral programs require on-campus residency, we've shifted to an 8-week online symposium. In the required course you'll:

- Receive a detailed overview of each milestone in the doctoral journey
- Understand what the University expects from doctoral students
- Understand what doctoral students can expect from the University

## Schedule

Your academic counselor will help schedule your courses for a Doctor of Education. You may also enroll in an optional, zero-credit, zero-tuition/fee one-weekend seminar in Phoenix.\* The seminar provides an opportunity for personal interaction with faculty and peers as well as instruction around the framework of your dissertation.

## What you'll learn

When you earn your online doctorate in education, you'll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

### [Download learning outcomes](#)

Topics covered in this degree include:

- Leadership theory and principles
- Change management
- Legal, regulatory and compliance issues in education
- Problem-solving in diverse educational settings