

Approx. program length:

**42 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:

- Principal
- School administrator
- School superintendent

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for education administrators is projected to be as fast as average between 2021 and 2031.

BLS projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

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.

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

## Program Purpose Statement

The Doctor of Education (EDD) will prepare learners to become transformational leaders who will strategically manage and lead complex educational organizations. The EDD does not lead to teacher licensure or any other professional licensure or certification.

## Specialize your EdD degree with one of four elective tracks

**Educational Leadership:** Gain in-depth understanding of academic structure, school financing, policymaking and faculty — all while emerging as a leader who values diversity and academic integrity.

**Curriculum and Instruction:** Influence curriculum development and policy, and evaluate instructional and assessment methods to improve learning outcomes.

**Educational Technology:** Implement technologies that revolutionize the way students learn and integrate technology into curriculum.

**Higher Education Administration:** Gain a top-level view of the complex challenges facing educational communities — and gain skills to address them through research, planning, fiscal oversight and outcomes assessment.