Overview

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The aim of the Doctor of Education program is to serve the needs of top-level education professionals who wish to consolidate, refine and expand their theoretical understandings and to apply these in educational practice. The orientation of the program is therefore towards the improvement of professional practice by the application of research findings to the problems, issues and development of teaching, learning, and educational management and politics.

See UNSW Higher Degree Research Learning Outcomes.
Faculty
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Campus
Kensington

Study Level
Research

Typical duration
3 Years

Delivery Mode
Face-to-face, Research

Intake Period
Term 1

Academic Calendar
Research Calendar

Minimum Units of Credit
144

Award type
Professional Doctorate

Award(s)
Doctor of Education -
EdD
Program Structure

Students must complete 144 UOC as a standalone program.

Candidates are required to complete eight coursework components, normally including two research methodology courses and a small project that will scaffold candidates in completing an original piece of substantive research, culminating in a thesis (50-60,000 words). The EdD degree may be completed over 3 years full-time or 6 years part-time.

Course component

Students must take 48 UOC of the following courses.

EDST5031 | 6 UOC
Research Methods 1

EDST5033 | 6 UOC
Research Methods 2

EDST5034 | 6 UOC
Current Issues in Education 1

EDST5035 | 6 UOC
Current Issues in Education 2

EDST5036 | 6 UOC
Education Project 1

EDST5037 | 6 UOC
Education Project 2

EDST5038 | 6 UOC
Education Seminar 1

EDST5039 | 6 UOC
Education Seminar 2
Thesis Component

The Thesis Component consists of the following courses. Students will typically be enrolled in 12 UOC of thesis each term.

**EDST5911 | 12 UOC**

Thesis 2

Enrolment Disclaimer

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Admission Requirements

Entry Requirements

- A candidate for the degree shall have been awarded a first or upper-second class (Distinction) Honours degree in education OR a Masters (Coursework) degree in education with a distinction average and a significant research component, consisting of methodology training and a stand-alone research project, or a qualification considered equivalent from another university or tertiary institution at a level acceptable to the Committee; and
- Have completed at least three years' professional experience in a branch of education, or in some other area that is judged by the Committee to be appropriate; and
- In exceptional cases an applicant who submits evidence of such other academic and professional qualifications as may be approved by the Committee may be permitted to enrol for the degree.

For further information, see the Admission to Higher Degree Research Programs Procedure.

For more information about admission requirements for various UNSW programs, visit the following website(s):

Domestic Students
International Student
Additional Information

For further information on policies, procedures and forms, see the Graduate Research website.

For further information on how to apply please see the Faculty website.
Program Fees

At UNSW fees are generally charged at course level and therefore dependent upon individual enrolment and other factors such as student's residency status. For generic information on fees and additional expenses of UNSW programs, click on one of the following:

- Domestic Students
- Commonwealth Supported Students
- International Students
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