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Your decision is not final. Students are allowed to switch from one degree option to the other, if approved by the faculty.

Note: Admissions requirements and deadlines are identical for both the Ph.D. and the Ed.D.
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Required Curriculum for All Students (PhD and EdD)

8 content courses
Policy, Access and Equity, Historical Foundations
Organizations, Administration, Leadership
Teaching/Curriculum, Students

4 research courses
Quantitative, Qualitative, Research Design, Research Proposal

1 capstone course

Additional Coursework for PhD Students

6 elective courses that include a three-course interdisciplinary cognate, and at least one advanced research methods course

2 dissertation seminars
9 credit hours of dissertation research

72 total credit hours

Additional Coursework for EdD Students

2 elective courses in topics related to administration, management, and leadership

2 dissertation seminars
9 credit hours of dissertation research

60 total credit hours