

Education, PhD, EdD

Specialization(s): Curriculum and Instruction

Department: School of Teacher Education and Leadership

College: Emma Eccles Jones College of Education & Human Services

Overview

About This Degree

The Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, which houses the School of Teacher Education and Leadership, ranks in the top 2% of all graduate colleges of education. The college was also ranked third in the nation in total research dollars received, according to "America's Best Graduate Schools" *U.S. News & World Report*.

The School of Teacher Education and Leadership administers an interdepartmental program leading to a doctoral degree in education with a required specialization in curriculum and instruction. These degrees are designed for educators who wish to prepare to become curriculum specialists, coordinators, or supervisors in public or private school systems or state departments of public instruction, and for those preparing to work as faculty members at the college or university level, generally in a teacher preparation area.

The **PhD** prepares candidates for academic careers in institutions that demand research expertise and an understanding of the theoretical foundations of a specific field. The **EdD** program prepares candidates to serve as curriculum and instruction leaders in public or private educational institutions and to teach in education and education-related programs in colleges and universities. These degrees are also the only distance-delivered doctoral degrees in the state.

Students must choose an area in which to focus their research. These areas are:

- Cultural studies
- Early childhood
- Engineering and technology education
- Instructional leadership
- Mathematics education and leadership
- Literacy
- Agricultural systems technology and education

Distance Education

The education doctoral degrees are available through USU's [Regional Campuses](#).

Career Options

The EdD program prepares candidates to serve as curriculum and instruction leaders in public or private educational institutions and to teach in education and education-related programs in colleges and universities.

Graduates with the PhD generally pursue careers in academia.

What it takes

Admissions Requirements

Applicants must have a master's degree and two years of teaching experience. Generally, applicants have master's degrees in education-related fields, but the department will accept those with degrees in other fields in certain circumstances if applicants have teaching experience.

Application Requirements:

- Complete the [online application](#)
- Pay the \$55 application fee
- Score at or above the 40th percentile on the GRE

- GPA of 3.0 or higher during most recent 60 semester hours
- Provide curriculum vita or resume
- Provide letter of intent
- Provide transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate credits
- Provide three contacts for letters of recommendation

International students have [additional admissions requirements](#).

Admissions Deadlines

The department has the following deadlines:

- February 1 for Fall admittance
- February 1 of even-numbered years for Fall admittance into the Distance Doctoral program

Financial Assistance

Graduate [assistantships](#), both teaching and research, are available for full-time graduate students. Qualifying students may receive doctoral and nonresident [tuition awards](#), may be eligible for subsidized [health insurance](#) at only a small cost to the student, and receive a nationally competitive stipend.

A variety of additional funding opportunities are available, including [fellowships](#), [scholarships](#), and [travel support](#).

Program Requirements

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Doctor of Philosophy**.

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Doctor of Education**.

The EdD requires completion of an internship in curriculum or supervision. These internships take place in various educational settings.

Qualifying Exam:

Students pursuing either the PhD or EdD must pass the comprehensive exam after their coursework is completed. They have the choice between a 72-hour take-home exam or an eight-hour exam on campus. Students will be tested on the subjects from their foundation courses, emphasis area, and research.

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Get Involved

Professional Organizations, Honor Societies, and Clubs

American Education Research Association: AERA is concerned with improving the educational process by encouraging scholarly inquiry related to education and evaluation and by promoting the dissemination and practical application of research results. The broad range of disciplines represented by the membership includes education, psychology, statistics, sociology, history, economics, philosophy, anthropology, and political science.

Labs, Centers, Research

Edith Bowen Laboratory School: EBLS is one of Utah's charter schools, offering services to more than 300 students grades K-5. The school, in cooperation with Utah State University, trains more than 200 pre-service teachers preparing to become professional educators, as well as supporting several other departments/colleges on campus, including special education, physical education, music, psychology, and business. Because the school is funded through state funds and donations, no tuition is charged to students.

InTech Collegiate High School: InTech Collegiate High School is a public charter high school located on USU's Innovation Campus. The school focuses on math, science, and engineering and seeks to provide academic opportunities to all students, particularly at-risk and minority students. InTech maintains its student body size below 300, and its average class size below 25.