Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) in Curriculum and Instruction

The Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) in Curriculum and Instruction is a rigorous, collaborative, interdisciplinary program between the departments of Early Childhood Education and Middle and Secondary Education in the College of Education and the art, music, and foreign language education programs in the College of Arts and Sciences. Embracing the principles of social justice, this program emphasizes innovation, diversity and advocacy in PK-12 settings. This program offers concentrations in multiple content areas: art, early childhood and elementary education, language and literacy, mathematics, middle level, foreign language, science and social studies education.

The degree is designed for curriculum leaders who hold a variety of roles in schools, such as assistant principals, classroom teachers, coaches, curriculum developers, department chairs, principals, subject/content area coordinators at the school or county level, and clinical faculty. Students who complete this degree and the Georgia state approved content assessment will be eligible for the new Curriculum and Instruction service certificate at the S7 level.

Program Structure

- Three-year, flexible cohort model
- 45 hours of course work and 9 hours of dissertation work
- The majority of the program will be offered through evening classes at the downtown campus

How to Apply

Admissions requirements for this degree follow doctoral admission criteria as found in the Georgia State University Graduate Catalog. The application deadline is October 15, 2017 or January 15, 2018 for a Summer 2018 program start date. A new cohort of students will begin each summer session.

In addition to the general criteria for doctoral admissions (like strong GRE scores) in the College of Education and Human Development, Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction applicants will also be required to meet the following criteria:

1. At least one degree in the desired content area (concentration) or substantial number of years teaching in desired subject area
2. Master’s degree or Ed.S. in education or closely related field with a GPA of 3.30 or higher
3. A minimum of three years teaching experience
4. Two professional letters of reference
5. Professional goals statement
6. Resume
7. Interview (For students applying to the music education concentration, this includes demonstration of musical skill; for students applying to the art education concentration, this includes a professional portfolio)
8. Writing sample (i.e., print or electronic publication, course paper, professional blog series, etc.)
Program of Study

All courses consist of three hours credit each, unless otherwise indicated. Course descriptions may be found at http://enrollment.gsu.edu/catalogs.

Research Core (15 hours)
- EPRS 8500 Qualitative/Interpretive Research in Education I (3)
- EPRS 8530 Quantitative Methods and Analysis in Education I (3)
- EPRS 9900 Research Design (3)
- EDCI 9900 Critique of Educational Research (3)

Choose one:
- EPRS 8510 Qualitative Research in Education II (3)
- EPRS 8540 Quantitative Methods and Analysis in Education II (3)
- ECE/EPRS 9380 Discourse Analysis (3)

Major in Curriculum and Instruction (30 hours)

Required (18 hours):
- EDCI 8400 Complexities of Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum Design (3)
- EDCI 8650 Curriculum and Instruction in Contemporary Urban Settings (3)
- EDCI 8970 Seminar in Teaching and Learning (3)
- EDCI 8980 Seminar in Professional Learning and Development (3)
- EDCI 8900 Educational Inquiry and Assessment in Educational Contexts (3)
- EDCI 9850 Research Seminar (3)

Concentrations (12 hours):

Students choose advanced content electives from 8000-9000 level courses from one of the following content areas:

- Art Education
- Early Childhood and Elementary Education
- Foreign Language Education
- Language and Literacy Education
- Mathematics Education
- Middle Level Education
- Music Education
- Science Education
- Social Studies Education

Dissertation (9 hours)
- EDCI 9990 Dissertation (9 hours)

For more information about this program, contact Caroline Sullivan, program coordinator, at ccsullivan@gsu.edu, or visit http://mse.education.gsu.edu/programs/doctoral-programs/curriculum-and-instruction-ed-d.

Check out our Graduate Student Blog to see what students and faculty have to say about the program:

http://education.gsu.edu/category/graduate-student-blog/