

Doctor of Education



A world of possibilities. Online.

Doctor of Education (D.Ed.)

This flexible, 37-credit online doctoral degree program offers students the freedom to build a customized learning experience centered on knowledge pertinent to problems of practice while gaining the inquiry skills and disciplinary practices needed to develop, understand, and apply research to new situations

The program is best suited for professionals working in the education, counseling, and human services sectors and looking to take on a leadership role in their positions. While some people may use the D.Ed. to advance in their careers with their current employers, others may opt to expand their opportunities into areas such as the private sector and government agencies.

The online format of this D.Ed. program is suited for working professionals and can be completed at the pace of the student's choosing. You'll work closely with a faculty adviser to create a personalized learning experience that builds and expands upon your professional background.



"In order to continue to innovate and grow as a society, we have to think about how we can change so that education can work for everybody. The World Campus online Doctor of Education program seeks to redefine educational paradigms by inspiring innovation

and fostering a generation of change-makers poised to improve the schools, communities, and organizations where they work, live, play, and learn."

—Dr. Kimberly LawlessDean, College of Education

Curriculum

To earn this doctorate, you must successfully complete the following core courses:

- > Foundations of Education Research
- > Global Trends in Education Culture
- > Educational Research Design
- > Program Evaluation
- > Quantitative Data Analysis Workshop
- > Qualitative Data Analysis and Design

Outside of the core courses, you'll work closely with your faculty adviser to personalize your degree by choosing four elective courses from a vast array of more than 170 online graduate course options within the College of Education, all conveniently offered through World Campus.

While your course work will be completed entirely online, you will be required to attend a five-day, in-person summer summit at the University Park campus to fulfill a residency requirement. All students must attend a minimum of one in-person summit that best fits their schedule before graduation. Summits are offered every summer.

Completion of a research capstone experience that addresses a problem of practice is required for graduation from the program. The capstone is a minimum of 6 credits.

To learn more about the Doctor of Education, please visit: worldcampus.psu.edu/ded





Apply Today

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Did You Know?

- The courses in this program were developed and are taught by highly regarded faculty from the Penn State College of Education.
- Penn State credits and degrees earned online are identical to those earned by resident students.
- With no set class meeting times, you can work on assignments, due each week, as your schedule permits.
- The online D.Ed. program offers you the flexibility to create a personalized path to completion that fits into your busy schedule.

Online Learning through Penn State World Campus

In 1892, Penn State founded one of the first correspondence courses in the United States; in 1998, we were one of the first major accredited universities to begin providing online education. Since then, we have been committed to ensuring that our students have access to a quality academic experience, even when they have job and family obligations to fulfill.

Penn State World Campus courses have fixed start and end dates as well as regular deadlines for course work submissions. Your learning experience will be enhanced by frequent faculty interaction, access to instructional resources, and dedicated support services. Learn more about the resources, opportunities, and advantages available to you as a World Campus student at worldcampus.psu.edu/about-us



"I hope to bridge
the tech equity gap
that plagues many
underserved and
underrepresented
individuals in our
nation. Thanks
to academic
rigor, mentorship
and leadership of
faculty and staff,
and camaraderie
developed with my

classmates, I will be able to leave an indelible impact on my community and a legacy that is befitting a Penn State graduate."

 Justin W.
 D.Ed. program student and Chief Information Officer at Edward Waters University

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