

## PH.D. PROGRAM IN EDUCATION

**I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The Ph.D. in Education prepares you to become a researcher in academia, government, and the private sector. Our program prepares you to:

- create new knowledge about educational processes and policies;
- lead development of research-based instructional, professional, and outreach programs; and
- promote effective and equitable educational practices for all learners.

Graduates of the program are expected to influence educational practice in the United States and abroad through original research efforts, thereby contributing to the advancement of knowledge in education, discovering exemplary educational practices, and contributing to local and national educational policy. The Ph.D. in Education offers two concentrations: Theory, Organization, and Policy (TOP) and Learning, Cognition, Instruction, and Development (LCID).

**II. APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

Fall admission - December 1 deadline

**III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must provide the following before the deadline:

1. A personal statement that describes why you are interested in studying education at Rutgers. We are especially interested in knowing what your research interests are and with which faculty members you would like to work.
2. Three letters of recommendation.
3. Current Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores.  
(Any test scores submitted must be less than 5 years old as of the application deadline. Scores must be official, not self-reported.)
4. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts.

Only complete applications will be reviewed.

**IV. HOW TO APPLY:** Applications are submitted online at the Graduate Admissions website:

<http://gradstudy.rutgers.edu/>

1. Click on "Apply Now" and follow the instructions given.
2. Choose "Degree Application", for Application Type.
3. For Program Name choose "Education" from the drop down menu.
4. Across from "Education - Ph.D. 16300", click the link for the fall semester.
5. Under First Preference Concentration, select which program you're interested in. (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> preferences can also be selected, or left blank.)
6. Complete the application by providing the requested information.
7. Supporting materials must be submitted online or mailed to the Graduate Admissions office at Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions (New Brunswick), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 56 Bevier Road, ASB Annex I, Piscataway, NJ 08854, U.S.A.
8. Enter payment information for the non-refundable application fee.
9. Submit your application and authorize payment for the non-refundable application fee.

Please refer to the GSE website at [gse.rutgers.edu](http://gse.rutgers.edu) for details about programs, faculty, and financial aid. Please refer to [studentabc.rutgers.edu](http://studentabc.rutgers.edu) for details about tuition. Questions about admissions procedures are answered by the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions at [grad.rutgers.edu](http://grad.rutgers.edu).

**V. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:** Students in the Ph.D. in Education must complete the following courses:

	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	
			Grad	Total
Proseminars	16:300:501	Proseminar in Educational Theories and Practice	3	6
	16:300:503	Proseminar in Educational Research	3	
Methodology Requirement	16:300:509	Qualitative Research Methods in Education: Introduction	3	12
	16:300:511	Quantitative Research Methods in Education I: Introduction	3	
		Additional course in qualitative or quantitative methods.	3	
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Cognates		6 credits of courses outside of education.	6	6
Prethesis	16:300:600	Prethesis Research	3	6
	16:300:601	Prethesis Research	3	
Specialty		18 credits in courses in area of specialty.	18	18
<b>Total Credits</b>				<b>48</b>

**VI. QUALIFYING EXAMINATION:** After completing 24 credits of course work, including 12 in the Education program, students may take the qualifying exam. This open-book essay exam will assess the student's knowledge of the subject area, capacity to conduct research, and competence in a specific area of research. The qualifying exam must be passed before the student completes their fourth year in the program.

**VII. DISSERTATION:** Each candidate for the doctorate pursues, under faculty direction, an original investigation of a problem or problems in a field of concentration and presents the results of the investigation in a dissertation. This doctoral work is completed in 24 credits of course work. Students are expected to complete a proposal that describes research questions and the methods used to address those questions. Then the student carries out the investigation to explore those questions.