

DOCTORAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Counselor Education, Ph.D.

The program will prepare you to become a counselor educator, supervisor, or researcher in an academic or clinical setting. You will have the opportunity to choose your own research topics based on your prior experiences. This program is in accordance with standards set by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs.

Foundations of Education, Ph.D.

This program advances local and global multidisciplinary perspectives on schools and educational endeavors. You will gain a comprehensive understanding of qualitative inquiry ranging from theory to methods. In this dynamic course of study, you will explore both socio-cultural and historical issues in education. You will examine politics in education, including issues of diversity and equity and comparative/international education.

Educational Psychology and Research, Ph.D.

You will select from two concentrations in this doctoral program. In the **educational psychology concentration**, you will examine the biological, psychological, and social factors that influence human learning and their relationship to the educational setting. In the **educational research concentration**, you will gain important core research skills including statistics, program evaluation, research design, instrument construction, and utilizing statistical software to analyze data.

Special Education, Ph.D.

This program has two tracks designed to prepare you to be a leader in field of Special Education. The Higher Education and Research track will prepare you to conduct and evaluate research and address policy and advocacy at the national level. Graduates from this track often become professors in colleges or universities. The Special Education Leadership track will prepare you to take on roles that focus on the understanding, coordination, and administration of special education programs and policies at district, state, and national levels.

Language and Literacy, Ph.D.

This program will prepare you to be an expert literacy leader, whether you choose to enter the field of education research, teacher preparation, policy analysis, or curriculum. You will explore literacy through multiple lenses and examine how equity and diversity issues impact learning, language development, and policy.

Physical Education, Ph.D.

This program emphasizes skills, knowledge, and dispositions that are essential to long term success as a faculty member at a college or university in the field of Physical Education. You will develop strategies for increasing the positive impact of physical education in schools. You will also learn advanced research skills that will allow you to use an evidence-based approach to teaching and teacher education in physical education.

Education Administration, Ph.D.

The **PreK-12 administration concentration** of this program is for school superintendents, principals, and other school administrators in districts or government agencies seeking to enhance their knowledge, research skills, and career potential. The **higher education administration concentration** is for university administrators, college faculty, and others seeking to enhance their leadership roles in higher education. Completers from both concentrations are also prepared to enter a faculty position in education administration at a college or university.

Teaching and Learning, Ph.D.

You will explore the complex relationship between teaching and learning in various disciplines across grade levels. This program will prepare you to teach and perform research at a college or university. You will also be able to work in leadership positions (e.g., schools, districts, Department of Education) related to teaching and learning in your respective field.

Curriculum and Instruction, Ed.D. (Online)

This online doctoral program allows you to advance your knowledge and career, while emerging as an academic leader who values diversity and continuous improvement within your school or educational settings. You will engage in research to solve problems of practice encountered within your educational setting. Select from three areas of concentration: **curriculum studies, educational technology, and STEM Education**.

For more information or if you are ready to apply, visit: sc.edu/education/study



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