

The University of Georgia
College of Education
PROGRAM OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION
Program Description for
Doctor of Education Degree (Ed.D.)

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PURPOSE: The Ed.D. program provides advanced professional training for careers in teaching, administration, research, and leadership requiring a specialty in workforce education (often referred to as vocational and/or career and technical education).

RESIDENCE: Ed.D. students must be enrolled for 20 consecutive hours over no less than two (2) semesters to complete residency. Students need not enroll in the summer semester to continue residency; however, if students wish to satisfy residency requirements in the summer, they must enroll for a minimum of 6 semester hours.

PROGRAM OF STUDY: There are five major areas of coursework for a program of study: workforce education core courses, workforce education elective courses, educational research, functional minor, and dissertation credit courses. Each area is described in greater detail below.

1. Workforce Education Core Courses **Minimum 6 semester hours**
All students must complete the following two courses for the Ed.D. degree:

WFED 9010 Workforce Issues and Policy Development in Workforce Education	3 sem. hrs.
WFED 9020 Leadership Development in Workforce Education	3 sem. hrs.

2. Workforce Education Elective Courses **Minimum 6 semester hours**
Students are to select a minimum of two courses from the following.

WFED 8020 International Workforce Education	3 sem. hrs.
WFED 8030 Organizational Behavior in Programs of Workforce Education	3 sem. hrs.
WFED 8060 Administration and Supervision of Workforce Education Programs	3 sem. hrs.
WFED (Other selected courses in Workforce Education)	3 sem. hrs.

Note: If a student has not completed the required program core courses (12 semester hours) for the Master's degree in Workforce Education, these courses must be included on the program of study. The required program core is WFED 7020, WFED 7070, WFED 7080, and WFED 7560.

3. Educational Research Courses **Minimum 15 semester hours**
All students must complete the following five courses, at a minimum, for the Ed.D. degree:

ERSH 6300 Applied Statistical Methods in Education	3 sem. hrs.
ERSH 8310 Applied Analysis of Variance Methods in Education	3 sem. hrs.
WFED 9100 Research Design and Methodology in Workforce Education	3 sem. hrs.
WFED 9630 Critique of Educational Literature in Workforce Education	3 sem. hrs.
WFED 9200 Research Seminar in Workforce Education - OR -	
QUAL 8400 Qualitative Research Traditions	3 sem. hrs.

Note: Additional research courses may be needed by the student depending upon his or her dissertation topic, research design, or required statistical analysis.

4. Functional Minor Courses

Minimum 9 semester hours

The functional minor is a cluster of related courses that allows a student a chance to develop a focus area outside of workforce education. Such courses may come from one or more departments, but, taken together they must exhibit a clear and common emphasis. Courses may have been a part of another graduate degree (i.e., Master or Specialist). Courses must be approved by the student's doctoral advisory committee.

5. Required Dissertation Coursework

Minimum 13 semester hours

WFED 9000D Doctoral Research (prospectus development)	3 sem. hrs.
WFED 9300D Doctoral Dissertation	10 sem. hrs.

Note: After admission to candidacy, a student must register for a combined total of ten hours of dissertation or other appropriate graduate credit during the completion of the degree program. Students planning to graduate the same semester they enter candidacy must be admitted to candidacy by the published deadline for candidacy during that semester and register for ten hours. The student must also meet all other deadlines for graduation in that semester. A student must register for a minimum of three hours of credit in any semester when using University facilities, and/or faculty or staff time.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM OF STUDY

Workforce Education Core Courses		6 semester hours
Workforce Education Elective Courses		6 semester hours
Educational Research Courses		15 semester hours
Functional Minor Courses		<u>9 semester hours</u>
	Sub Total	36 semester hours
Dissertation Course Work		<u>13 semester hours</u>
	Total	49 semester hours
Relevant Course Work from Graduate degree(s)		<u>24 semester hours</u>
Total beyond Bachelors Degree		73 semester hours

Note: A doctoral program of study should consist of 16 or more hours of 8000- and 9000-level courses exclusive of 9000 or 9300 or be accompanied by a letter of justification as to the acquisition of fundamental knowledge, technique, or professional courses.