

Doctor of Education (EdD)

This program is offered by the School of Education and is available asynchronous online. The emphasis in Transformative Learning in the Global Community is available asynchronous online and via Live Virtual (synchronous online).

Admission to this program is every year.

Program Description

Webster University's Doctor of Education (EdD), offered by the School of Education, is based on a scholar-practitioner model with a well-rounded program for fostering scholarship, research and leadership among candidates who aspire to make a difference in today's world. It is based on a holistic framework with four foci: theory, research, practice and leadership. Beyond the four foci, the program values social consciousness, criticality and advocacy. Social consciousness corresponds to the connectedness of the dissertation projects to the sociopolitical, socioeconomic and sociocultural contexts. Criticality refers to doctoral students' critical thinking and analytical capacity to challenge the status quo and create new proposals for advancing the knowledge base and specialty area. Advocacy reminds students to take the findings from their research projects to the next level and become a voice and advocate for the people for whom they represent and care. Webster University's doctoral program also values projects

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DESE certification is not covered in the doctorate. Students need to consult with the program directors in other academic programs for DESE certificate.

Total: 40 credit hours (excludes prerequisites, requisites, practica, fieldwork, internships or service learning)

Admission

See the Admission section of this catalog for general admission requirements. Students interested in applying must submit their application online at www.webster.edu/ apply. Transcripts should be sent from your institution electronically to transcripts@webster.edu. If this service is not available, send transcripts to:

Office of Admission
Webster University
470 E. Lockwood Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63119

Additional Requirements

Requirements for admission to the doctor of education program include:

- Official transcripts from **all** universities, colleges and professional schools.
- Transcripts showing evidence of a bachelor's degree and a master's degree completion.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 for graduate coursework.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation*.
- An interview may be required.

***These required materials must be electronically uploaded to the application account.**

Application Process

The doctoral program will admit a cohort every year depending on the enrollment and availability of courses. Domestic and international applicants must submit all required documents **by July 1st** for a Fall start. International students may complete the online program in the countries where they reside. F1 student visa will not be sponsored. International applicants need to submit required application materials according to International Admissions, except for documents that pertain only to F1 student visa sponsorship.

Students with a conferred EdS degree will be waived 15 credit hours and may be admitted with the rest of the cohort, but begin in the odd year.

The admission packet will be reviewed, and if considered appropriate, an interview will be scheduled with the Doctoral Admissions Committee. The committee may require the applicant to provide other materials to speak to the readiness of the applicant for the EdD program. Should the committee find weaknesses in certain academic areas, the applicant may be strongly advised to take additional coursework that **will not** count toward the degree requirements.

The applicant must successfully complete an interview with the Doctoral Admissions Committee during which the applicant presents their research interest.

Advancement to Doctoral Candidacy

Doctoral students who completed all coursework requirements before taking EDOC 8000 or the EDOC 8001-8002 sequence will

take the comprehensive examination in the course EDOC 7902. Students who have passed the comprehensive examination will earn the status of doctoral candidacy. Students not advanced to doctoral candidacy are not eligible to continue in their programs. Advancement to doctoral candidacy indicates that a student shows the requisite capacity and dedication to complete the program.