CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION, PHD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum & Instruction

Two doctoral degree programs are offered. The Ph.D. program prepares degree candidates for careers involving research and scholarship, including those in colleges and universities where research is generally combined with teacher education. The Ed.D. program prepares scholarly practitioners for leadership positions in teacher training institutions, state education agencies, and public school districts.

Length of time for a degree: an Ed.M. program can be completed by a student attending full-time in a calendar year, while the M.S. or M.A. often takes longer. The Ed.M. with licensure typically takes two years to complete. Doctoral programs usually require five years of full-time study.

Admission
Interested applicants should start at the College of Education Graduate Programs website (http://education.illinois.edu/programs/grad/).
In addition to the application, the applicant is required to submit the following information: an academic statement, a personal statement, updated resume, official transcripts from all colleges attended, and three letters of recommendation. A scholarly writing sample in English (e.g., a master’s thesis, article, or academic paper) is required for application to a doctoral program. Note: The master’s degree with teacher licensure program only admits students for the fall term.

International applicants must submit TOEFL scores. The Department of Curriculum and Instruction’s TOEFL requirement for full status admission is greater than 102; the minimum score for limited status is 550 on the paper-based test, 79 on the internet-based test, and 213 on the computer-based test. International applicants must also submit a Declaration and Certification of Finances. Please note: TOEFL or IELTS scores must be less than two years old from the first day of class at the proposed term. In addition, individual academic programs may require a higher score, or evidence of spoken English language proficiency; contact your proposed program’s office for more information.

Finance in the form of assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, and tuition waivers can be found throughout the college (https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/) and campus. Campus opportunities can be found at the Graduate College (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/funding-jobs/) and the Office of Student Financial Aid (http://www.osfa.illinois.edu/). Please note: Graduate students employed as Staff by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign are not eligible for a College of Education Award or Scholarship.

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The Department of Curriculum and Instruction offers many programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). A list of programs and additional requirements can be found on the program’s website, (https://education.illinois.edu/faceted-search/programs/?degree=edd&department=ci) the College of Education Graduate Programs Handbook (https://education.illinois.edu/current-students/graduate/coe-graduate-handbook/), and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/).

Students may select a concentration in Digital Learning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/education/concentration/digital-learning/), Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (http://www.slate.illinois.edu/), or Writing Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/writing-studies/).

Code | Title | Hours
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CI 599 | Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree) | 4-20
Independent Study (min/max applied toward degree) | 0-12
Research Coursework | 16-20

All students will take a minimum of 16-20 credit hours, depending on area of methodology focus, in approved research methods courses. (https://education.illinois.edu/student-resources/graduate/coe-graduate-handbook/phd/#PhDResearch)

Total Hours | 64

Other Requirements

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1. Students will develop a deep knowledge of a content area connected to curriculum and instruction.
2. Students will demonstrate the ability to plan, implement, analyze data, and author academic papers.
3. Students will read, interpret, and critique scholarship in their academic field and across multiple fields.
4. Students will understand issues related to school and society including existing inequities.
5. Students will connect research with instructional practices that support learning.

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