

Doctor of Education Educational Practice

Degree program

The Doctor of Education is a three-year thematic cohort-based program that is open to those who are eligible for graduate work and who currently work as a practitioner in the thematic area. Themes rotate from year to year. Consult the College of Education website for announcements. The program is suited to practitioners who wish to lead organizations, schools, agencies, and institutions to address problems of practice using research literature, practice, and inquiry tools. The program culminates in a coordinated dissertation of practice designed by cohort members with individual contributions by doctoral candidates.

The Ed.D. in Educational Practice is an 80 credit hour post-baccalaureate degree program. Students are able to apply coursework from a previous master's degree program, up to 33 credit hours. Master's degree programs that exceed 33 credit hours must be evaluated by a faculty mentor associated with the respective thematic cohort, although the number of additional credit hours that can be accepted beyond 33 credit hours is limited unless the student possesses an Ed.S. degree.

Learning communities determine their own schedules, but most cohorts meet once or twice per week on campus. Students enroll in 5-6 credit hours per semester, and the students complete three semesters per year. The dissertation in practice is required.

Program Website

<http://umsl.edu/go/EdD>

Application Requirements

1. Graduate School Application <http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now>
2. Send official transcripts to the Graduate Admissions Office
3. Complete a supplemental application for a learning community – https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMmtiinT-ehvO40T_9bnmxtfXW6UrbgX5CgcbNKBVKU_1I8g/viewform
4. Two Letters of Recommendation
5. Statement of Purpose – In the statement of purpose please describe how the Ed.D. Degree aligns with your career and professional goals and why you would like to pursue your chosen Learning Community.
6. International students are also required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
7. Submit a current professional resume/CV.
8. Attend an interview with the mentor team.

Application Deadline

The deadline date varies for each cohort. Please contact Alexandra Gresick at 314-516-5107 or gresicka@umsl.edu for specific dates.

Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

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