Program of Study

Core Content (15 Credit Hours)

Required Core Content Courses (6 Credit Hours)  6

- EDU 600  Doctoral Seminar
- EDU 650  Dissertation Seminar

Or approved substitutions

Choose: (9 Credit Hours from the following)  9

- EDLD 605  Higher Education History and Philosophy
- EDLD 643  Leading Social Justice
- EDLD 610  Leadership and Organizational Theory
- EDLD 635  College Teaching
- EDCI 604  Advanced Educational Psychology

Or approved substitutions

Curriculum & Instruction Concentration Options (15 Credit Hours)  15

Electives appropriate to area of specialization (Curriculum Design; English Language Arts Education; Social Studies Education; Science Education) and approved by Graduate Advisor.

Required Research Courses (18 Credit Hours)  9

- EDU 602  Educational Statistics II
- EDU 607  Quantitative Educational Research
- EDU 610  Qualitative Educational Research

Advanced Research Electives (Choose 9 Credit Hours)  9
Additional Requirements
The PhD degree must meet the minimum requirements in the For Doctoral Students section of the Graduate School’s website. Additional requirements for the PhD degree beyond these minimums are available through the Department of Education. All PhD degree candidates are expected to be familiar with both The Graduate School’s degree requirements listed here: http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/policy/degree__doctoral.html and the Department of Education degree requirements listed on the department website.

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Application Process for the PhD in Education, Curriculum & Instruction
Applicants are required to complete the online application and submit the following documentation via the Graduate School Online Application System (http://www.montana.edu/wwdgr/apply.html)

1. Completed Graduate School Application
2. Academic Transcripts: Applicants must provide official transcripts verifying all Bachelors degree and Masters coursework (as well as confirmation of bachelor’s and master’s degree earned) from the applicant’s certifying university. Unofficial transcripts may be uploaded during the application process. Official electronic transcripts may be emailed directly from the Institution to edgrad@montana.edu or mailed to the Department of Education Graduate Programs Office, 215 Reid Hall, PO Box 172880, Montana State University, 59717. Transcripts from a degree awarded through MSU do not need to be provided. NOTE: We require an undergraduate and graduate GPA of at least 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale). Transcripts will be evaluated for rigor and academic fit.
3. Documentation of verbal and quantitative skills needed for the degree: The general test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. Official scores can be sent to Montana State University (code 4488). There is no minimum score requirement. Applications are reviewed holistically and take into account all elements.
4. Personal Essay: Suggested length is 2-3 typed, double-spaced pages. The applicant should briefly describe the following
   • Education and other educational professional experiences
   • Research interests and experience including alignment with faculty interests and expertise and an example of research experiences using educational theory, research methods, and application
   • Professional goals
5. Research and Data Analysis Skills Summary. You will be asked to upload a separate document (less than one page) addressing the following
   • Describe your research experience skills
   • Summarize your experiences using different research methods
   • List scholarly products such as peer-reviewed conference publications and peer-reviewed publications
   • Describe data analysis skills and experience using different data analysis software (i.e., SPSS, ENVIVO, SAS)
6. Resume/Curriculum Vitae
7. Three (3) Professional References: The letters should be from individuals qualified to assess the following
   • Knowledge in chosen field
   • Motivation and perseverance toward goals
   • Ability to work independently
   • Ability to express thoughts in speech and writing
   • Ability/potential for college teaching
   • Ability to plan and conduct research
8. For International Applicants ONLY: Please visit the Graduate School International Application Process (https://www.montana.edu/gradschool/policy/admissions_intl.html) website for application submission information. In addition to the above, International applicants will be required to submit the following application material.
   • Evidence of English Language Proficiency (http://www.montana.edu/international/admissions/englishproficiencygraduate.html) - MSU requires applicants from countries where English is a second language to present evidence of proficiency in the use of the English language. Typical tests and scores are as follows: TOEFL (http://www.toefl.org/): 80-internet-based [iBT] or 550-PBT, IELTS (http://www.ielts.org/): 6.5, or PTE Academic (http://www.ielts.org/ptes): 54.
   • Copy of applicant’s passport
   • Degree certificates as well as an English translation for all non-English academic transcripts and credentials. Photocopies can be used to initiate the application process; however, official transcripts/credentials are still required upon admission.
   • Students will need to submit the International Student Financial Certificate found on the OIP Forms Page (http://www.montana.edu/international/admissions/forms.html), and proof of funds when offered admission to MSU.
   *Note: Applicants may be contacted for an interview by the program specific applicant review committee.

Application Deadlines
Below is the deadline by which all of the application materials for the PhD in Education must be submitted via the online application system. Students matriculate into the PhD program in the fall semester only. Applications to the PhD programs are reviewed once per year at the April 1st deadline. Applications received after the deadline may be reviewed for acceptance on a case-by-case basis.

• Fall Semester: April 1st

*An early review deadline of February 1st has been set for those applicants wanting to be considered for Graduate Assistantships. Graduate Assistantships require students to work on campus 19 hours per week. Applications must be complete for an early review.

Admission Process
Complete applications will be reviewed by members of the Graduate Admissions Committee who then convene to make final admission decisions. Once a decision has been made the application will be forwarded to The Graduate School for final administrative processing. Please note that the application review process will begin on the application deadline date and not before.
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