

Doctor of Education (EdD) Program

Program Description

The doctor of education with emphasis in nursing education is designed to allow nurses to work full-time while pursuing a doctoral degree. The degree requires completion of 54 semester credits for registered nurses holding a masters degree in nursing education. Additional coursework will be required if the masters degree is in an area other than nursing education. The program is offered in hybrid format which combines face-to-face class sessions with online and independent learning. The program can be completed in 3.5 - 4 years of study, including summers.

Students may apply and enter the program in spring or fall semesters as program capacity allows.

Program Purpose Statement

The education doctorate (EdD) with emphasis in nursing and health professions education develops educators to assume multiple leadership roles in a variety of settings. Graduate proficiencies will include scholarly inquiry and the utilization of innovative decision making based on current evidence to create proactive solutions to contemporary problems. Collaboration and planned partnerships are essential elements in maximizing educator effectiveness. The program provides learning opportunities that challenge students and promote achievement of their own potential.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the EdD with emphasis in nursing and health professions education, graduates will be able to:

1. Create educated solutions to contemporary issues in healthcare education.
2. Initiate and manage change in educational environments
3. Integrate legal, ethical and diversity considerations into practice and policy decisions
4. Contribute to the body of knowledge through systematic inquiry and dissemination
5. Provide leadership for educational issues utilizing applicable theories, global perspectives and available evidence