

Doctor of Education (EdD) Program

Program Description

The doctor of education with emphasis in nursing education is designed to allow students to work full-time while pursuing a doctoral degree. The degree requires completion of 50 semester credits for students holding a masters degree in education. Additional coursework will be required if the masters degree is in an area other than education. The program is offered in an online format which combines synchronized class sessions with independent learning. Classes are held year round and the program can be completed in 3.5 - 4 years of study.

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. Students will have opportunities to collaborate and plan partnerships which help maximize the educator's effectiveness. The program provides learning experiences 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 equity principles into practice and policy decisions.
4. Contribute to the body of educational research through systematic inquiry and dissemination of knowledge.
5. Provide leadership for educational issues utilizing applicable theories, global perspectives and available evidence