DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

OVERVIEW
This is an innovative research higher degree doctorate program combining research, a dissertation and coursework topics. Internationally, the Doctor of Education is increasingly the qualification of choice for professionals in the field of education. It is particularly suited to holders of an honours degree with some career experience who wish to pursue doctoral studies primarily oriented towards the development of new knowledge through research and the application of knowledge in professional practice. Applicants with a masters degree with a research component are also encouraged to apply.

The core outcome of the course is that graduates make a sustained and original contribution to knowledge in education through a major research dissertation and to develop an advanced understanding of politics and ethics of education policy, research and management. The emphasis is on leadership through knowledge expertise. You will participate in the program through collaboration in knowledge analysis and generation.

STUDY PROGRAM
The Doctor of Education seeks to provide you with advanced and specialist studies that will enable you to develop advanced skills and knowledge to undertake a variety of advanced professional roles in education. It combines 27 units of doctoral coursework topics with 81 units of research incorporating a 45-unit dissertation.

It is expected that upon graduation you will be able to undertake a variety of advanced professional roles in education and associated fields and to make an original and sustained contribution to knowledge in educational policy, management and practice.

To qualify for the Doctor of Education, you must complete 108 units with a grade of P or NGP or better in each topic, normally comprising:

- Core Year 1: 9 units of advanced coursework and 27 units of research and research preparation topics.
- Core Year 2 and 3: 18 units of advanced coursework topics, 9 units of research preparation and 45 units of doctoral research dissertation.

Dissertation: a 45-unit research dissertation is completed as part of the core Year 2 and 3 topics.

You are expected to complete your research preparation topics prior to commencing your research dissertation. Your readiness for undertaking research will be assessed halfway through the first year of studies. Your research topics should be compatible with the research interests and expertise of staff in the School of Education in order to provide optimum supervision. You will be encouraged and supported to publish your research dissertation.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must normally:
1. hold an approved bachelor degree with Honours Class 1 or 2A from an approved tertiary institution or qualifications deemed equivalent by the Faculty Board
2. have at least five years' relevant work experience in education or an education related area, demonstrating seniority and expertise in their employment context (eg state and national education departments or education-related human service organisations)
3. be able to demonstrate commitment, innovation, and excellence in practice in their field.
The Faculty Board may under certain circumstances and subject to specific conditions admit others who can show fitness for candidature. Such persons must present evidence to the satisfaction of the Faculty Board of their suitability for doctoral studies (eg evidence of producing peer reviewed publications or as an investigator on a competitive grant).
Note: Qualifications deemed equivalent to a bachelor degree with Honours Class 1 or 2A include a masters degree with a research component, completed within the last ten years, with a grade point average of Credit or better.
Any applicant who is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Philosophy at Flinders University and who wishes to undertake the Doctor of Education will be considered on a case-by-case basis. In determining whether admission will be offered, the Faculty’s Research Higher Degrees Committee will consider how the student could draw upon his/her practical experience to theorise and research the educational questions which are posed throughout the Doctor of Education, in addition to considering whether the applicant meets the normal admission criteria.

HOW TO APPLY
Applications are made direct to the University.
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