Application Guidelines for the Doctor of Education

Application Procedures

Applicants intending to complete the Doctor of Education program at Flinders University must submit an application package including the following items, prior to consideration by the Doctor of Education Admissions Committee:

- Completed application form “Application for Admission - Postgraduate” available from the web and the International Office.
- Letter of application to the Doctor of Education program. The letter must identify the area of study that you are interested in and must address all the entry requirements.
- All relevant academic transcripts.
- Two recent referees’ letters.

Letter of application

The letter of application should summarize and highlight how you meet the following entry requirements with supporting documentation if necessary. You should:

- hold a Masters degree of the University; or hold an equivalent qualification deemed suitable by the Doctor of Education Admissions Committee;

You should supply a certified academic transcript. If you have a Masters degree from Flinders University, you do not need to supply the transcript.

- have at least five years’ relevant work experience in education or a related field;

You should briefly describe your work experience in education or a related field. Your referees’ letters should also mention your work experience.

- demonstrate evidence of commitment and innovation or other evidence of creative and intellectual activity in professional practice in your field at the appropriate level;

You should briefly describe how you meet this criterion. Typically, applicants have participated in conferences, written journal articles, or presented professional development workshops and so on. Your referees’ letters should support what you have written in the personal statement. You should briefly mention how completion of the EdD will enhance your leadership contributions in the future. Your referees should also comment on the latter.

- Area of Study

In addition, you should identify a topic or area that will be the focus of your study and research. This focus should be relatively specific, such as “student engagement in school”, “assessment of student learning”, “leadership strategies for innovation”. In addition, you should show your preference for one of the Defined Areas of Study in the EdD. Your own focus will be embedded in one of these Areas which are in turn
represented by a number of coursework topics in the EdD program. The Defined Areas of Study are:

1. Learning and Instruction
2. Educational Leadership and Management
3. International and Comparative Education
4. Social Justice in Education
5. Special Education (including Gifted Education)
6. Curriculum Studies

Academic transcript
You must provide certified academic transcripts of your academic qualifications, especially showing that you have a Masters degree. These are not needed if your qualification is from Flinders University.

Referees’ letter
You should have at least two letters of recommendation from senior supervisors or managers from your workplace. Collectively, these letters must attest to the fact that you meet the criteria for entry into the Doctor of Education (see above under Letter of Application) and provide other comments as outlined above. The letters must be on institutional letter head.

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