

# LITERACY STUDIES, EDD

The Ed.D. in Literacy Studies features a strong commitment to educational practice and preparing practitioner-scholars. Ed.D. applicants are required to hold a master's degree and are expected to have experience in educational practice. This Ed.D. program trains practitioner-scholars for positions involving the practice of education in schools, school districts, colleges and universities, government agencies, foundations, entrepreneurial ventures, and consulting organizations. Students construct individual programs of study with their advisor to suit their interests, combining core courses with additional coursework in research methodology and electives. The program emphasizes the interrelationships and integration of theory, research, policy, and practice.

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## Curriculum

8.0 CU's can be transferred in to the program.

Code	Title	Course Units
Core Courses		
EDUC 7323	Multicultural Issues in Education	1
EDUC 8334	Critical Literacy: Reading the self, texts and the world	1
EDUC 7337	Research in Teaching Writing	1
EDUC 7324	Literacy: Social and Historical Perspectives	1
EDUC 6369	Participatory Methods in Education (Research Course)	1
EDUC 9320	Proposal Writing Seminar (Research Core)	1
Research Course		
Research Course (Attribute = GDRW) ( <a href="http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/gdrw/">http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/gdrw/</a> )		1
Distribution Course		
May be waived for a research requirement		1
Electives		
Select 12 electives (5000 level and above)		12
Total Course Units		20

## Required Milestones

### Qualifications Evaluation (Also known as Program Candidacy)

The purpose of program candidacy is to provide rigorous review and feedback to Ed.D. students regarding their academic progress within the first two years of study. Program candidacy is a prerequisite to doctoral candidacy.

### Preliminary Examination (Also known as Doctoral Candidacy)

The preliminary examination is a test of knowledge in the candidate's area of specialization. The examination requires students to demonstrate knowledge and reasoning in the key content areas in their specialization as specified by the academic division. The format of the examination

varies from program to program, but must include at least six hours of examination, at least three hours of which must be written.

### Oral Proposal

All doctoral candidates must present their dissertation proposals orally and in person to the dissertation committee.

### Final Defense of the Dissertation

The final dissertation defense is approximately two hours in length and is based upon the candidate's dissertation.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.