

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (PH.D.)

An admissions moratorium is currently in effect for this program.

Admission Requirements

Applicants should refer to the admission requirements for doctoral degrees (p. 1) in the College of Education. The Educational Psychology Doctor of Philosophy Program has a concentration in Learning and Instruction Sciences. Successful applicants seeking admission to the Learning and Instruction Sciences concentration should have a master's degree in Educational Psychology, or a closely related field. In addition to uploading materials to an online Graduate Admission application, materials must be submitted to the chairperson of the Learning and Instruction Sciences concentration.

Learning and Instruction Sciences

The concentration in Learning and Instruction Sciences is a full-time program adhering to the scientist-practitioner model and prepares students in the systematic study of human learning and educational instruction. This concentration integrates interdisciplinary training in instructional technology and educational evaluation and research to prepare graduates to design, implement, and evaluate learning in various contexts. The Learning and Instruction Sciences concentration prepares students for research, service, and administrative careers, teaching in diverse educational settings, and consultation in the private sector. In addition to the departmental requirements for the doctoral degree, students take courses in ethics and professional standards, advanced theories of learning and development, instructional technology, and program evaluation. Students may also select a number of courses in the psychology department.

Program Requirements

Research course requirements include a minimum of fifteen credits in research and evaluation (EER). The remaining plan of work is arranged with an advisor depending on master's level training and future goals, and includes 30 dissertation credits, which is a requirement set by the university.

All doctoral students will complete a comprehensive examination at the end of coursework and a final report and defense after completion of the dissertation. All course work must be completed in accordance with the academic procedures of the College of Education (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-education/academic-regulations/>) and the Graduate School's (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/degree-certificate-requirements/>) regulations governing graduate scholarship and degrees. All Plans of Work are developed in consultation with the student's assigned advisor.