

# The University of Georgia

College of Education  
Department of Workforce Education, Leadership, & Social Foundations

*Program Description for  
Doctor of Philosophy Degree (Ph.D.)*

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**PURPOSE:** The Ph.D. program provides advanced professional training for careers as researchers and educators at major research institutions and state-level universities where graduate programs of work-based learning or career & technical teacher education are provided.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** The graduate faculty considers the following seven factors to decide whether or not to recommend an applicant for admission:

1. Bachelor's and Masters degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education
2. Completion of the UGA Graduate School Application
3. Official transcripts submitted to the Office of Graduate Admissions, Graduate School
4. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
5. Submission of 3 letters of reference
6. Letter submitted to the Graduate Coordinator of the Department of Occupational Studies stating your career goals with relation to the degree being sought.
7. Review and interview with faculty representatives from the Department of Occupational Studies.

**RESIDENCE:** Ph.D. students must be enrolled for 30 consecutive hours over no less than two (2) semesters to complete residency. Students need not enroll in the summer semester to continue residency; however, if students wish to satisfy residency requirements in the summer, they must enroll for a minimum of 6 semester hours.

**PROGRAM OF STUDY:** There are five major areas of coursework for a program of study: occupational studies core courses, occupational studies elective courses, educational research, functional minor, and dissertation credit courses. Each area is described in greater detail below.

**1. Occupational Studies Core Courses** *Minimum 9 semester hours*

All students must complete the following two courses for the Ed.D degree:

EOCS 9010	Workforce Issues and Policy Development in Occupational Studies	3 sem. hrs.
EOCS 9020	Leadership Development in Occupational Studies	3 sem. hrs.
EOCS 9030	Philosophy of Occupational Studies	3 sem. hrs.

2. **Occupational Studies Elective Courses** **Minimum 9 semester hours**

Additionally, students must complete an additional three graduate-level courses (9 semester hours) selected from those offered by the Department of Occupational Studies.

Examples of other courses that can be selected based on student interest and professional goal include:

1. EOCS 6100--Principles and Practices of Career Education
2. EOCS 7030--Organizing and Coordinating Work and Community-Based Education Programs
3. ETES 7100—Appropriate Technological Development
4. EOCS 7200--Evaluation of Programs in Occupational Studies
5. EOCS 7550--Students with Special Needs in Programs of Occupational Studies
6. EOCS 8000--Technology for Education in the Workplace
7. EOCS 8020--International Occupational Education
8. EOCS 8030--Organizational Behavior in Programs of Occupational Studies
9. EOCS 8060--Administration and Supervision of Occupational Studies Programs.

Students who have not completed the required Department master's core courses (15 semester hours) must include those courses in their Ph.D. program of study. The master's core courses are:

1. EOCS 6010--Foundations of Work and Family Life Education
2. EOCS 7020--Assessing Student Learning in Occupational Studies
3. EOCS 7070--Enhancing Learning in Occupational Studies
4. EOCS 7080--Developing Curricula and Programs for Modern Work
5. EOCS 7560--Diversity in Occupational Education and Work.

3. **Educational Research Courses** **Minimum 18 semester hours**

The research sequence will include a minimum of six courses (18 semester hours) designed to provide a basic grounding in both quantitative and qualitative research analysis, and research design and methods. Students will either enroll in (a) three quantitative and one qualitative or (b) one quantitative and three qualitative courses, depending on the interest and focus of their research.

*Quantitative Research Option*

ERSH 8310 Applied Analysis of Variance Methods in Education	3 sem hrs.
ERSH 8320 Applied Correlational and Regression Methods in Education	3 sem. hrs.
ERSH 8350 Multivariate Methods in Education <i>or</i> ERSH 8610 Ed. Measurement Theory	3 sem. hrs.
ERSH 7400 Qualitative Research in Education	3 sem. hrs.
EOCS 9100: Educational Research in Occupational Studies	3 sem. hrs.
EOCS 9200: Research Design and Methodology in Occupational Studies	3 sem. hrs.

*Qualitative Research Option*

ERSH 7400 Qualitative Research in Education	3 sem. hrs.
ERSH 8410 Qualitative Data Collection in Education	3 sem. hrs.
ERSH 8420 Qualitative Data Analysis in Education	3 sem. hrs.
ERSH 8310 Applied Analysis of Variance Methods in Education	3 sem. hrs.
EOCS 9100: Educational Research in Occupational Studies	3 sem. hrs.
EOCS 9200: Research Design and Methodology in Occupational Studies	3 sem. hrs.

**Note:** Additional research courses may be needed by the student, for example, students will need to have taken or have the equivalent of ERSH 6300 – *Applied Statistical Methods in Education* prior to beginning research course sequence.

**4. Functional Minor Courses**

**Minimum 12 semester hours**

The functional minor will consist of four graduate-level courses (12 semester hours) designed to satisfy a coherent supporting area of study. The functional minor is designed to allow in-depth, multi-disciplinary study in an area of interest related to occupational education and preparation, and provide opportunities for students to engage in scholarly pursuits with professionals from across the university.

Courses must be approved by the student's doctoral advisory committee.

**5. Required Dissertation Coursework**

**Minimum 12 semester hours**

A minimum of 12 hours of dissertation-related work will be required for successful completion of the Ph.D. in Occupational Studies.

EOCS 9000	Doctoral Research (prospectus development)	3 sem. hrs.
EOCS 9300	Doctoral Dissertation	9 sem. hrs.

**Note:** After admission to candidacy, a student must register for a minimum of 3 hours of dissertation credit (EOCS 9300) or other appropriate credit for each of two (2) semesters. A student must register for a minimum of 3 hours of credit in any semester when using University facilities and/or faculty time.

**SUMMARY OF PROGRAM OF STUDY**

Occupational Studies Core Courses	9 semester hours
Occupational Studies Elective Courses	9 semester hours
Educational Research Courses	18 semester hours
Functional Minor Courses	12 semester hours
Dissertation Course Work	<u>12 semester hours</u>
Total	60 semester hours