

Details and Characteristics of a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) vs. a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Dept. of Educational Leadership and Administration Educational Leadership Doctoral Program

Degree Objectives	
Ed.D.	Ph.D.
Preparation of professional leaders competent in identifying and solving complex problems in education. Emphasis is on developing thoughtful and reflective practitioners.	Preparation of professional researchers or scholars. Develops competence in scholarship and research. Focuses on producing new knowledge.

Career Objectives	
Ed.D.	Ph.D.
Administrative leadership in educational institutions or related organizations.	Scholarly practice, research, or teaching at university or college level.

*Ph.D. students must take an additional six doctoral level classes (eighteen credit hours) in a cognate area of their choice, but which must be approved by their advisor. These additional courses may be taken beginning the second semester of coursework.

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