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Group	Course	Offerings
<b>Graduate Research Degrees</b>		
Education	Doctor of Education (EdD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Murdoch campus (internal)</li> <li>• Murdoch campus (external)</li> </ul>

## EDUCATION

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (EDD)

#### Education

Doctor of Education (EdD)

Course Codes: D1017

Restriction: All graduate courses are subject to restriction.

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

#### Availability:

- Murdoch campus (internal) Murdoch campus (external)

The Doctor of Education is an intensive course of study leading to the professional doctorate degree in Education. It consists of coursework and applied research leading to a dissertation.

The purpose of the degree is to provide advanced level study in Education at a high degree of specialisation through applied research in a selected area of practice. On entry to the EdD, each candidate will be assigned a supervisor who will assist in the development of an approved plan of study appropriate to the intended specialisation. For this course, on-campus meetings are available through negotiation.

#### Employment Prospects:

Graduates are qualified to obtain high-level professional positions in a range of locations in the broad Education industry.

#### Admission Requirements (Onshore):

Advanced academic study, research preparation and professional experience are required for admission to the course.

To be eligible for admission as a candidate for a Doctor of Education an applicant must have:

Bachelor Degree with at least a 2A Honours normally in the same discipline (AQF level 8); or  
a Masters Degree normally in the same discipline (AQF level 9) and satisfy the Graduate Research Manager with evidence of substantive and significant scholarly or professional attainments; or  
a Bachelor Degree normally in the same discipline (AQF level 7) and satisfy the Graduate Research Manager with evidence of substantive and significant scholarly or professional attainments including satisfactory research preparation the equivalent of AQF level 8 or 9. Students who have a Master of Education degree by coursework or research will be considered on a case-by-case basis for credit.

#### Main Research Areas:

Education systems (e.g., early childhood education, higher education), curriculum and pedagogy, and specialist studies of education (e.g., learning sciences, educational assessment and evaluation, educational technology and computing, education policy, Aboriginal education).

#### Additional Admission Requirements:

The entry requirements are the equivalent of a Bachelor of Education (or other relevant degree) with honours from a recognised university or equivalent and at least two years of relevant professional experience.

Students with a Master of Education by coursework degree may be asked to complete a small project as part of the first year of the Education Doctorate. At most students may be granted 12 points of credit; those who have a part-completed MEd will also be considered on a case-by-case basis and may be awarded credit on a pro rata basis, provided these studies were undertaken within the last 10 years. Despite the amount of credit which may be awarded for previous studies, students may be requested to enrol in up to 12 points of coursework at the 600-level, which their supervisor or the student considers to be advantageous either for professional development or for the completion of the dissertation. To count as credit towards the EdD, a student must normally pass the units at

Credit level or above.

Candidates who do not meet the admission requirements may be offered a place in a preliminary course designed to prepare them for admission to the doctoral course. The specific studies to be completed within a preliminary course would be determined in each case by the School's Research Committee.

### Course Structure - 72 credit points

#### Core Units - 60 credit points

##### Research Units - 12 credit points

EDU610 Introduction to Research for Educators - 6 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external

EDN781 Mixed Methods and Quantitative Research - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-external, WSP3-internal

EDU743 Advanced Qualitative Approaches to Research - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

##### Research Dissertation - 48 credit points

EDU900 Research in Education (Research Dissertation) - 12 points

Full-time students should enrol in the thesis for 12 points for each of four semesters and part-time students for 6 points for each of eight semesters, or up to maximum candidature time available.

#### Specified Electives - 12 credit points

In consultation with their supervisor, students select up to four 600-level units so as to develop knowledge in the appropriate substantive area and to strengthen research methodology knowledge and skills in preparation for undertaking the thesis project.

Alternatively, students may take EDU701 Advanced Educational Research Seminar - 3 points [], up to 6 points by Independent Study at 600 level, or units at another institution.

## PREREQUISITES

#### Advanced Educational Research Seminar (EDU701)

Enrolment in the Doctor of Education or Master of Education (Research).

#### Advanced Qualitative Approaches to Research (EDU743)

Successful completion of/or concurrent enrolment in EDU603/610 Introduction to Research for Educators, or successful completion of EDU434/F634 Qualitative Research Methods I, or PSY315 Psychology: Qualitative Methods, or permission of the Unit Coordinator.

#### Introduction to Research for Educators (EDU610)

Nil.

#### Mixed Methods and Quantitative Research (EDN781)

EDU610 / EDU603 Introduction to Research for Educators OR permission of Unit Coordinator.

#### Research in Education (Research Dissertation) (EDU900)

Enrolment in the Master of Philosophy, Doctor of Education or Doctor of Philosophy courses.