Program Description for
Doctor of Education Degree (Ed.D.)

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PURPOSE: The Ed.D. program provides advanced professional training for careers in teaching, administration, research, and leadership requiring a specialty in occupational studies (often referred to as vocational and/or technical education).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: The graduate faculty considers the following six 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.

RESIDENCE: Ed.D. students must be enrolled for 20 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 6 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.

2. Occupational Studies Elective Courses
   Minimum 6 semester hours
   Students are to select a minimum of two courses from the following.

   EOCS 8020  International Occupational Education  3 sem. hrs.
   EOCS 8030  Organizational Behavior in Programs of Occupational Studies  3 sem. hrs.
   EOCS 8060  Administration and Supervision of Occupational Studies Programs  3 sem. hrs.
   EOCS (Other selected courses in Occupational Studies)  3 sem. hrs.

Note: If a student has not completed the required department course courses (15 semester hours) for the Master's degree in Occupational Studies, these courses must be included on the program of study.
3. **Educational Research Courses**  
   Minimum 15 semester hours  
   All students must complete the following five courses, at a minimum, for the Ed.D. degree:

   - **ERSH 6300** Applied Statistical Methods in Education  
     3 sem. hrs.
   - **ERSH 8310** Applied Analysis of Variance Methods in Education  
     3 sem. hrs.
   - **EOCS 9100** Research Design and Methodology in Occupational Studies  
     3 sem. hrs.
   - **EOCS 9630** Critique of Educational Literature in Occupational Studies  
     3 sem. hrs.
   - **ERSH 8400** Qualitative Research Traditions  
     - OR -  
   - **EOCS 9200** Research Design and Methodology in Occupational Studies  
     - OR -  
   - Another Appropriate Research Course  
     3 sem. hrs.

   **Note:** Additional research courses may be needed by the student depending upon their dissertation topic, research design or required statistical analysis.

4. **Functional Minor Courses**  
   Minimum 9 semester hours  
   The functional minor is a cluster of related courses that allows a student a chance to develop a focus area outside of occupational studies. Such courses may come from one or more departments, but, taken together they must exhibit a clear and common emphasis. Courses may have been a part of another graduate degree (i.e., Master or Specialist). Courses must be approved by the student's doctoral advisory committee.

5. **Required Dissertation Coursework**  
   Minimum 12 semester hours  
   - **EOCS 9000D** Doctoral Research (prospectus development)  
     3 sem. hrs.
   - **EOCS 9300D** Doctoral Dissertation  
     9 sem. hrs.

   **Note:** After admission to candidacy, a student must register for a minimum of 3 hours of dissertation credit (EOCS 9300D) 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**

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