

REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (EdD)

(See also General Regulations)

Ed256 Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission to the programme leading to the degree of Doctor of Education, candidates shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations;
 - (b) hold either
 - (i) a Bachelor's degree at second class honours and a taught Master's degree or another qualification of equivalent standard from this University or from another University or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; *or*
 - (ii) a Bachelor's degree with normally first class honours from this University or another qualification of equivalent standard from this University or from another University or comparable institution accepted for this purpose;
 - (c) demonstrate a record of at least 4 years' professional experience in an educational institution or part of the education service or other services as may from time to time be judged appropriate by the Faculty; and
 - (d) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination, if required.
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Ed257 Qualifying examination

- (a) A qualifying examination may be set to test candidates' ability to pursue the research project proposed. A qualifying examination shall consist of one or more invigilated written examination papers; additionally, the invigilated written paper(s) may be supplemented by other forms of examinations.
 - (b) Candidates who are required to sit a qualifying examination shall not be permitted to register until all examination requirements are satisfied.
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Ed258 Registration

Successful candidates shall in the first instance be granted provisional registration for the EdD degree, such registration to be confirmed only when successful candidates satisfy the requirements set out in regulation Ed265 below.

Ed259 Award of degree

To be eligible for the award of the degree of Doctor of Education, candidates shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations; and
- (b) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.

Ed260 Period of study

The programme shall begin in September each year. The curriculum shall normally extend over a period of not less than 36 months and not more than 72 months of part-time study, or not less than 24 months and not more than 48 months for full-time study.

Ed261 Leave of absence

A candidate who wishes to be absent from the approved course of study or research shall be required to submit a written application for leave of absence. Study leave may be granted for the purposes of study or research outside Hong Kong and non-study leave may be granted when a candidate is best advised for personal, health, or other reasons to have time completely away from his/her academic responsibilities. Unless special circumstances warrant an exception, leave of absence under both categories shall not normally be granted for a cumulative period of more than twelve months for the entire period of study. Any period of study leave granted shall be counted towards the period of study and any period of non-study leave granted shall result in the extension of the period of study by the period of absence.

Ed262 Completion of curriculum

To complete the curriculum, candidates shall

- (a) follow instruction on the syllabuses prescribed and complete all specified work as required;
 - (b) satisfy the examiners in the coursework requirements for the degree as set out in the syllabuses;
 - (c) complete, to the satisfaction of the examiners, a thesis as specified in regulation Ed267 below; and
 - (d) satisfy the examiners at the oral examination.
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Ed263 Coursework requirements

Candidates shall be required to take courses and satisfy the coursework requirements as prescribed by the Advisory Panel. The objective of the coursework component is to aid research work and preparation for writing the thesis.

Ed264 Supervision and progress

- (a) Candidates shall be required to submit a progress report at six-monthly intervals, and may be required to give one or more seminars on any part of their course of study and research;
 - (b) Candidates may be discontinued if satisfactory progress is not being made.
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Ed265 Probation and confirmation of candidature

- (a) Candidates whose applications are accepted shall be subject to a probationary period, which shall not normally exceed 24 months for part-time candidates and 12 months for full-time candidates. By the end of the probationary period, candidates must have
 - (i) completed the required proportion of coursework prescribed by the Advisory Panel;
 - (ii) completed a "Research Proposal" to the satisfaction of the Advisory Panel; and
 - (iii) presented a research seminar.
- (b) At the end of the probationary period, a decision shall be made on whether the candidature shall be confirmed or terminated.

Ed266 Discontinuation

A candidate may be discontinued

- (a) if academic progress is not satisfactory; *or*
 - (b) if the student has failed to meet the requirements as stipulated in this set of Regulations.
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Ed267 The thesis

- (a) The thesis should be between 50,000 and 60,000 words long (exclusive of tables of cases and statistics, notes, appendices containing material and bibliographies). The thesis must represent an original contribution to knowledge and/or the understanding of educational practice, and contain material worthy of publication.
 - (b) Candidates shall serve written notice of intention to submit a thesis for examination at least 3 months prior to the expected date of submission. The notice shall be accompanied by a provisional thesis title.
 - (c) Candidates shall not be permitted to submit a thesis until all coursework requirements have been satisfied.
 - (d) Candidates shall be examined by examiners appointed for this purpose both on the thesis itself, and at an oral examination on the subject of the thesis and/or the approved course of study and research. Candidates may also be examined by other means.
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Ed268 Thesis examination results

- (a) Candidates who have satisfied the examiners shall be recommended for conferment of the degree of Doctor of Education.
 - (b) Candidates who have not satisfied the examiners in the thesis component:
 - (i) may be required to resubmit the thesis after making corrections and amendments as required by the Board of Examiners, without a new examination; *or*
 - (ii) may be required to revise and resubmit the thesis for a new examination within a specified period, and may also be required to satisfy the examiners at a new oral examination, or any other examination as appropriate, on the subject of the revised thesis and/or the approved course of study and research; *or*
 - (iii) may be required to attend a new oral examination, or any other examination as appropriate; *or*
 - (iv) may be deemed to have failed, without the option of resubmission.
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Ed269 Coursework examinations results

- (a) Coursework shall be assessed on a pass/fail basis.
 - (b) Candidates who have not satisfied the examiners in respect of the coursework requirements at the first attempt shall normally be permitted to present themselves for re-examination in the same course. Candidates who do not satisfy the examiners in such re-examination may be required to discontinue their studies.
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Ed270 Publication based on thesis

Any publication based on work approved for a higher degree should contain a reference to the effect that the work was submitted to the University of Hong Kong for the award of the degree.

SYLLABUSES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

EEDD6001. Literature review

Candidates are required to take three EdD modules or their equivalent that are chosen from an area of the specialization that will contribute to the building up of an assignment in form of a literature review of about 10,000 words.

EEDD6002. Research methods

Candidates are required to attend EdD research seminars to be presented by in-house specialists, guest speakers on particular topics, and research students. In addition, candidates are required to complete an individual negotiated programme of appropriate EdD research methodology modules or their equivalent, individual tutorials, outside workshops, guided reading and self-study. The seminars and the individual programme will contribute to the completion of a 10,000 word paper on research methodology linked to carrying out a project to do with an aspect of the thesis' area of focus.

EEDD6003. Portfolio

Candidates are required to take another three EdD modules or their equivalent that will contribute to the development of a 10,000 word portfolio of assessable work relevant to their thesis.

EEDD6004. Thesis

Candidates will complete a thesis of 50,000 to 60,000 words. Candidates may commence their work early in candidature concurrently with the research seminar programmes. The thesis will be assessed on the basis of being (i) an original contribution to knowledge and/or the understanding of educational practice and, (ii) containing material worthy of publication. Candidates will also participate in thesis seminars commencing after confirmation of candidature which will contribute to their research programmes and will serve as forums for presenting their work in progress on a regular basis.