

# COMPARISON OF PhD VS. EdD IN EDUCATION

Which doctorate degree is right for you?



## PhD

DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY



- RESEARCH, RESEARCH AND MORE RESEARCH
- ADVANCE THEORY ON A TOPIC
- BECOME AN EXPERT

### CAREER OPTIONS

- UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR
- RESEARCH SCHOLAR
- EDUCATION DIRECTOR
- POLICY RESEARCHER



## EdD

DOCTORATE IN EDUCATION



- APPLY RESEARCH TO REAL-WORLD SETTINGS
- IDEAL FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS
- BECOME A LEADER

### CAREER OPTIONS

- SUPERINTENDENT
- DEAN
- UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PRESIDENT
- PRINCIPAL
- DIRECTOR OF A RESEARCH CENTER

## — PhD vs. EdD in Education — HOW TO CHOOSE

	PhD Degree	EdD Degree
CONSIDER YOUR CAREER PATH	EDUCATION & RESEARCH	PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP
COMPARE COURSEWORK	QUALITATIVE & QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH ONE-ON-ONE COLLABORATION WITH FACULTY	FOCUS ON SOLUTIONS TAKE STEPS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS OF PRACTICE
ESTIMATE TIME COMMITMENT	4-6 YEARS FULL TIME (in some cases, tuition is covered by graduate assistantship)	3 YEARS COMPLETED WHILE YOU WORK
DISSERTATION	YES	YES, OR DISSERTATION IN PRACTICE
ONLINE MODALITY	OFFERED BY SELECT SCHOOLS	OFFERED BY SEVERAL SCHOOLS

## — PhD vs. EdD in Education — OTHER FACTORS TO CONSIDER



### FOLLOW YOUR PASSION

Choose a degree that motivates you and is consistent with your career goals

### PICTURE YOUR DAY-TO-DAY WORK

Do you want to investigate methodologies (PhD programs) or solve professional challenges (EdD programs)?



### COMPARE PhD VS. EdD CONCENTRATIONS

Choose a school and concentration that lets you explore issues that matter to you

#### CONCENTRATIONS MIGHT INCLUDE:

Educational leadership in K-12 schools  
Educational psychology  
Higher education  
Urban education policy

