The PhD Program produces impactful and rigorous research and prepares high-quality, innovative scholars who are prepared to attack the field’s most pressing challenges. The program pays attention to “research with consequence,” in alignment with the USC and Rossier missions.

The goal of the Ph.D. program in Urban Education Policy is to develop cutting edge scholars with a strong foundation in urban education who are theoretically informed and methodologically sophisticated, and who will assume faculty position at research universities.

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Identify current issues in education
  - Conduct translational research and manage research projects
  - Teach at the university level
  - Communicate findings through publications and presentations
  - Collaborate with peers on publications and research projects

Students will acquire:

- Knowledge of education theories, methods and research
- An interdisciplinary perspective