

# ACADEMIC LEARNING PLAN

## Curriculum & Instruction, Ed.D.

### Mission Statement

The University of West Florida offers a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree in Curriculum and Instruction. The doctoral degree in Curriculum and Instruction prepares students for leadership roles by providing learning and enrichment in the areas of diversity, quantitative and qualitative research, educational theory and philosophy, educational technology, and multicultural education. The extensive coursework offered through the Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction at UWF may assist educators in designing innovative methods for providing instruction to struggling students, designing and modifying curricula, researching and assessing school programs, and leading change in educational organizations. In addition to the core coursework, students have the opportunity to determine an area of specialized study. The specialization areas encompass Administration and Leadership, and Curriculum and Assessment.

### Student Learning Outcomes

UWF Curriculum & Instruction, Ed.D. graduates should be able to do the following:

#### Content

- Apply curriculum, instructional practices, and related theories in real-world situations. (Administration and Leadership)
- Use curriculum, instructional practices, and related theories in real-world situations (Curriculum and Assessment)

#### Critical Thinking

- Review and synthesize relevant policy (educational, organizational, or public) and/or literature to address problems of practice.
- Employ appropriate methods to the analysis of qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods data.
- Conduct research to guide improvement and inform policy, programs, or practice

#### Communication

- Communicate scholarly findings in the form of a publishable written manuscript or oral presentation.

#### Integrity/Values

- Demonstrate compliance with professional ethics.
- Apply theoretical, philosophical, or methodological frameworks to research issue or problem

## **Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes**

In addition to course assessment, Ed.D. students are evaluated in three critical junctures in the program: as part of a preliminary examination (written and oral defense), at proposal defense, and at dissertation defense. Doctoral programs also have specific competencies for doctoral experiences that they must meet through their program of study. Indirect assessment practices in the program will include an exit survey.

## **Job Prospects for Curriculum & Instruction, Ed.D Graduates**

The Ed.D. Program in Curriculum and Instruction is designed to meet the educational needs of regional, fulltime employed professionals from a variety of backgrounds. Our graduates are employed in P-12 education (both teachers and administrators), as community college teachers and administrators, in the military, and as managers of training and development departments. Others work in a variety of community-based organizations in social services and health care. Completing this degree allows these professionals to develop content knowledge expertise, critical thinking, research skills and other professional skills to advance within chosen discipline and profession.

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