



La Sierra
UNIVERSITY

**DOCTOR OF EDUCATION
IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY**
WITH AN EMPHASIS
IN GENERAL EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
MA IN COUNSELING AND EDS IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY
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This is an elective program, which will assist a person in working towards becoming a researcher and/or teacher at higher educational and research institutions.

WHAT KIND OF A CAREER CAN SUCH A DEGREE OFFER?

The EdD in Educational Psychology prepares students to conduct research on psychological processes as they affect student learning and successful teaching in public and private educational settings. Graduates are expected to have knowledge of the main areas of research found in the field of Educational Psychology, and to become research experts, teachers, and innovators in human development and learning, measurement, evaluation, statistics, and assessment.

PREREQUISITES:

Legal/Health Clearance

The absence of any conviction for a felony or any communicable or contagious disease, which would prevent the student from teaching or performing other certified services, must be attested to. Students should apply for state criminal clearance immediately following admission to any of the state credential or licensure programs.

Department Interview

A preadmission interview and writing test are to be scheduled when possible with at least two faculty members in the Department of School Psychology and Counseling who will evaluate the applicant's expressiveness, commitment, values, cultural affirmation, and professional attitudes. When admission is granted without a prior interview, an appointment must be made with the department chair during the first few weeks of residence before program approval. Continuation in the program is contingent upon a satisfactory rating by the interviewers.

Graduate Record Examination

In addition, a Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is required. A student's acceptance into the Ed.S. program, or advancement into the Ed.S. program from the M.A. in Counseling program (provisionally or regularly), depends the following scores: the GPA, GRE, departmental interview, and writing sample.

THE PROGRAM:

The program includes all of the coursework and fieldwork listed below. Some individuals may require more than the minimum 132 units because of particular interests or the need to remove prerequisite deficiencies as listed above and below. For course description, please check [La Sierra Academic Bulletins](#).

REQUIRED CORE (45 UNITS):

• Educational Organization and Leadership	EDAD	524*	3 units
• Curriculum Planning	EDCI	514*	3 units
• Faith and Learning	EDCI	512	3 units
• Methods and Materials of Research	EDRS	504	3 units
• Counseling Theories and Techniques	EDPC	561	3 units
• Sociology of Education	EDFO	606*	3 units
• Dynamics of Personality	EDPC	607	3 units
• Leadership in the Organization	EDAD	687	3 units
• Moral Leadership	EDAD	688	3 units
• Educational Statistics I	EDRS	604	3 units
• Educational Statistics II	EDRS	702	3 units
• Research Design	EDRS	704	3 units
• Contemporary Issues in Education	EDFO	791	3 units
• Two Additional Research Method/Project Courses			6 units

* EDAD 524 can be replaced with **EDAD 540 Personality and Philosophical Aspects of Leadership**, EDCI 514 can

be replaced with *EDCI 545 Brain Research and Learning*, and *EDFO 606* can be replaced with *EDCI 664/EDPC 651 Social and Emotional Intelligence* at a student's discretion.

CONTENT SPECIALIZATION (75 UNITS):

• Standardized Testing in Education	EDPC	504	3 units
• Psychological Theories of Instruction	EDPC	505	3 units
• Lifespan Development	EDPC	524	3 units
• Education and Career Planning	EDPC	554	3 units
• The Exceptional Child	EDPC	560	3 units
• Counseling Practicum	EDPC	562	6 units
• Group Theory and Procedures	EDPC	564	3 units
• School Psychology & Counseling Ethics/Law	EDPC	573	3 units
• Dynamics of Personality	EDPC	607	3 units
• Psychopathology	EDPC	631	3 units
• Mental Exceptionality	EDPC	650	3 units
• Advanced Counseling Theories	EDPC	665	3 units
• Intervention Methods & Consultation	EDPC	666	3 units
• Seminar: Individual & Cultural Differences	ED{C	694A	3 units

DISSERTATION COURSEWORK (12 UNITS)

• Ed.D. Dissertation	EDPC	798	12.0 units
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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. A passing score on the *California Basic Education Skills Test (CBEST)* is required before any practicum, field practice, or internship hours can be collected.
2. At the conclusion of their program, a *passing* score must be obtained on a departmental comprehensive exam.
3. An acceptable showcase portfolio is required, also for the exit exam.
4. Application to the School of Education Credential Office (sgallego@lasierra.edu) for a denomination or state credential, if eligible.