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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Doctor of Education in Educational Psychology

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 on 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

**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.