Students’ Perspectives

Whether it is for one’s personal or career development, people may pursue higher degrees or further education for different reasons. Thus, the quality of an education could be an imperative deciding factor.

As a graduate of the Faculty of Education, my knowledge was acquired through various means, one of which was learning from its experienced and well-respected scholars coming from various parts of the world. By attending the course modules or conference organized by the Faculty, its teaching staff, particularly my primary supervisor, Dr Daniel Churchill, has always been dedicated, insightful, meticulous, and strong. After having a one-on-one meeting, my principal supervisor, Dr Anika, was very helpful in monitoring my progress was a critical part to my study. The Faculty has implemented the continual support provided by a personal tutor, an academic staff, and other students from various parts of the world, which has been instrumental in my academic progress.

More importantly, I could readily apply the processes and understanding gathered from my research into my workplace. In the next phase of my career, I plan to be consultants in various aspects of EdD learning. The programme is well geared towards professionals who work in education, academia or elsewhere. Personal, professional and methodological skills and tools necessary for carrying out first-class research will be your own.

To conclude, the EdD programme allows students not only to keep up-to-date on the latest issues in education but also to become leaders and influencers in the research field. The supervisors are highly experienced and understanding in areas of study which were less familiar to me. The process is like an academic rebirth. The supervisors are able to align to and support my research, and has enabled me to grow my knowledge and understanding was very important to me.

From the date of application, I have been very impressed with the individual contact and support provided by the supervisors within the Faculty of Education. The supervisors are able to align to and support my research, and has enabled me to grow my knowledge and understanding was very important to me.

Being an international student in the EdD programme at HKU has been a rewarding and fulfilling experience. It has exposed me to courses that are directly aligned to and support my research, and has enabled me to develop the skills and understanding in areas of study which were less familiar to me.

The Faculty of Education regularly invites internationally-renowned researchers to speak, providing opportunities for students to hear from global thought leaders, and expand their professional network.

I am provided with regular access to my exceptional supervisor who challenges, supports and enables me to achieve excellence in all areas of my study, and can see how this is reflected in my research. The EdD programme has provided an environment for me to grow more deeply in my understanding. Knowledge and experience from being a secondary school science teacher, Technology school teacher with over 10 years of international experience, and to enable me to take the next step in progressing my career.
The Doctor of Education Programme is designed for experienced professionals who are leaders or aspire to be leaders in education-related institutions and services. It aims to develop participants’ capacity for inquiry and evidence-led decision-making and their ability to translate research findings into usable knowledge. The programme will enhance the capacity of educational practitioners to model and transmit best professional practices to others.

Programme Features

The Doctor of Education Programme (EdD) is a professional doctorate consisting of structured and integrated coursework and research components that can be used to support high levels of understanding and investigation of issues relevant to the practice of education. It offers the same principal areas of study as for the PhD programme, with a more professional focus, addressing educational issues within workplace contexts.

Programme Structure

Candidates will be required to pass the following courses:

Core Courses
(i) Research Methods I (ii) Research Methods II (iii) Thesis Writing Workshop (iv) Issues in Education
Graduate School Course
(v) Research Ethics for Graduate Students
Three to Four Elective Courses (with a total of at least 72 hours)

Expected Completion Time for the Programme

4 to 6 years (Part-time); 3 to 5 years (Full-time)

Admissions Requirements

Applicants should (1) hold a Bachelor’s degree with second class honours and a taught Master’s degree; or a Bachelor’s degree with first class honours; and (2) have a proven record of at least four years of professional experience in an educational institution or service in the education sector or other relevant sectors as judged appropriate by the Faculty. Applicants who do not meet the above requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Areas of Study

EdD offers different areas of study and places a strong emphasis on multidisciplinary research. Details of research areas are available at https://web.edu.hku.hk/programme/edd/areas_of_study.

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Useful Links

Online application at: https://aal.hku.hk/tpg/programme/doctor-education

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