



Doctor of Education EdD

The Doctor of Education (EdD) is designed for education professionals. Built on a cohort model of inquiry, the EdD provides a structured, supportive, rigorous approach to doctoral study.

Programme structure

The EdD is a 360-point programme, with two parts:

- Part One: A research portfolio leading to confirmation of candidature (120 points)
- Part Two: A thesis (240 points)

Part One is led by two senior academics (the cohort team), who oversee the completion of four major projects in the research portfolio:

- A critical review of the literature
- An analytical project
- A methodology project
- The full thesis proposal

One supervisor is also involved from the outset.

Part Two begins after confirmation and usually continues with two supervisors.

Block days on campus

For Part One, candidates attend four full-day sessions on campus each year. These sessions are guided by the cohort team, and are usually scheduled from March to November. A strong culture of collegiality and support is encouraged.

Project feedback

Each project is submitted twice (initial and revised versions). Detailed feedback is provided by the cohort team and the senior supervisor.

Duration

In Years 1 and 2 the enrolment is for part-time study. Thereafter, candidates can complete the degree on a full-time or part-time basis. The total enrolment period is a minimum of four years and a maximum of six years.

Entry requirements

You will need a New Zealand bachelor's or master's degree with First Class or Second Class (Division I) Honours (or the equivalent), plus a minimum of five years' experience in a relevant professional role. For the full list of entry requirements, see the University of Canterbury Calendar | Maramataka www.canterbury.ac.nz/regulations

Thesis topics

A thesis topic is needed at the time of enrolment.

We supervise theses in these thematic areas, among others:

- Leadership
- Equity and Social Justice
- Te ao Māori
- Teaching and Learning
- Digital Futures

Supervisors

A suitably qualified academic, usually from Te Kaupeka Ako | Faculty of Education, must agree to be named as your proposed senior supervisor on the doctoral enrolment form. Supervision