

# Doctor of Education

## Navigating the Program

The **purpose** of the Doctor of Education degree is to equip persons for denominational or interdenominational leadership positions in the field of religious education, and/or



teaching and research. The **goals** for this degree include mastery of educational disciplines, graduate-level understanding of theological disciplines, and capacity to engage in administration, teaching, and research.

## Residency Stage

- Complete RDOC9300 Intro to Research and Writing.
- Complete 24 hours of EdD course work (seminars, colloquia, and workshops.) Be sure to schedule the 4 required seminars first.
- Complete and submit the [Letter of Intent](#).

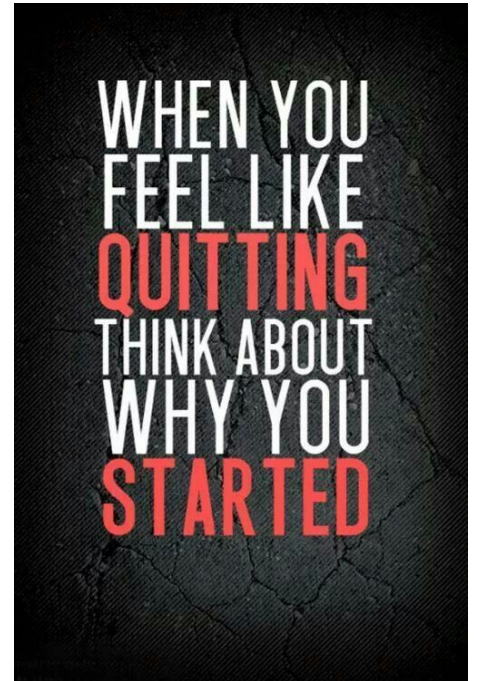
The instructions for the Letter of Intent are included in the [Doctor of Education Handbook](#). Take personal initiative. The student should not expect a prompt from the EdD office or from the faculty advisor when it is time to complete the Letter of Intent (LOI).

Upon successful completion of the residency stage requirements (22 - 24 hours of study including seminars, colloquia, and workshops) and submission of Letter of Intent, **a guidance chair committee will be assigned** to provide direction, supervision, and evaluation of the student during the senior residency and candidacy stages of the program. (The assigned faculty is charged with the responsibility of assuring the quality of the student's research and of upholding the high standards of both the institution and the field of research. The committee represents the faculty in its relationship to the student.)

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## Senior Residency

- Continue completing the remaining EdD seminars, workshops, Integrated Mentorship and Mentored Reading Colloquium
- Submit Preliminary Research Proposal by April 1<sup>st</sup>/November 1<sup>st</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Member of Guidance Committee assigned.)
- Take REDOC 9303 Prospectus Development in January or June (with approval of Proposal by Guidance Committee.)
- Submit the assigned Prospectus for REDOC 9303 to the class instructor on the date noted in the syllabus. **The assignment is not your final prospectus.** You should continue with any remaining course work and cooperate with your Guidance Committee to refine your research prospectus.
- Complete [Oral Proficiency Exam](#) application and submit to your chair after all course work is completed.
- Submit Final Prospectus with an [IRB Request](#) to your Guidance Committee Chair and to the EdD Office. **You will then await approval by the committee and the Doctor of Education Oversight Committee.**



## Candidacy Stage

- Schedule EDWC9600 Research and Writing. Conduct your research and submit your dissertation for approval. (Stay in communication with your Guidance Committee Chair during this stage of your work)
- Final document must be approved by Guidance Committee and assigned 3<sup>rd</sup> Reader.
- Work with your Guidance Committee to schedule and conduct the Dissertation Defense EDDD9100.
- Complete [Candidate Dissertation Checklist](#) and fill out appropriate [Dissertation Forms](#)
- Congratulations, you are ready to graduate!

