# Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Curriculum and Instruction Program

*Advance educational scholarship, research, leadership, and community-engaged practice.*

## Mission Statement

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction Ph.D. program distinguishes itself by its commitment to scholarship devoted to critical issues related to teaching and learning. Students will develop collaborative explorations and employ multiple research and disciplinary lenses to understand and address local and global educational needs, working with and for the people/communities with whom they are engaged.

## Why Choose This Program?

- 45-credit doctoral program designed for candidates who already hold a master's degree
- All-encompassing research preparation in qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods research traditions
- Community immersion and field-based inquiry connected to candidates' professional interests
- Individualized faculty mentorship and a supportive scholarly community
- Our cohort-based model provides comprehensive support from both faculty and colleague students
- Opportunities to examine teaching, learning, educational policy, and global perspectives
- Designed to accommodate candidates working full-time or part-time, with evening in-person (and hybrid) coursework/classes

## Program Snapshot

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| **Total Credits** | 45 credits (39 credits of coursework and 6 dissertation/matriculation credits) |
| **Program Location** | St. John's University, Queens Campus |
| **Academic Focus** | Teaching, Learning, and Knowing; Early Childhood; Global Education; STEM Education |
| **Research & Coursework** | Community Immersion (9 credits); Research Methods (9); Strand Courses (12); Dissertation Proposal Seminar (3); Advanced Research/Special Topics or approved electives (6) |
| **Dissertation** | EDU 8011 and EDU 8012 — 6 credits total |
| **Fieldwork** | Minimum 30 hours per semester for the first three years, as described on the program webpage |
| **Format & Duration** | Evening face-to-face classes; individualized timeline. Completion may be possible in four years; maximum university number of years to complete is eight (8) years |

## Courses

The Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction requires 45 credits, including 39 credits of coursework and 6 dissertation credits. The coursework consists of 33 credits from 11 required Curriculum and Instruction courses and 6 credits from 2 elective courses. Students may fulfill the elective requirement by taking EDU 8013 and EDU 8014 or, with permission, approved courses outside the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. The following overview outlines the courses and their requirements.

Community Immersion: EDU:8000—Community Immersion I; EDU:8001—Community Immersion II; EDU:8002—Community Immersion III; and EDU:8010—Dissertation Proposal Seminar

Research Methods: EDU:8003 (Qualitative), EDU:8004 (Quantitative), and EDU:8005 (Mixed Methods; EDU 8003 and 8004 prerequisites).

Strand Courses: EDU:8006 Philosophies of Education; EDU:8007 Families and Communities as Partners in Education; EDU:8008 Global Perspectives within Education and Educational Research; EDU:8009 Critical and Historical Perspectives in Education and Educational Research.

Advanced/Special Topics: EDU:8013 Advanced Methods in Research and EDU:8014 Advanced Topics/Special Topics, or approved alternatives.

Dissertation: EDU:8011 and EDU:8012—Ph.D. Dissertation

## Admission Requirements & How to Apply

- A completed master's degree; teacher certification (or equivalent), and at least three years of teaching experience or equivalent
- Official transcripts, three letters of recommendation, current CV, application, two essays, and interview
- GRE, MAT, or an analytical writing activity during the interview, as stated on the program webpage
- Apply online: https://grad.stjohns.edu/portal/apply

## Learning Outcomes & Career Paths

Doctoral study emphasizes rigorous inquiry, research design, critical analysis of educational policy and practice, and scholarship responsive to educational communities. Potential careers include:

- University professor
- Educational researcher
- Curriculum specialist
- District-level specialist
- Consultant
- Education or community outreach leader

## Ready to Take the Next Step?

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Program details: https://www.stjohns.edu/academics/programs/phd-curriculum-and-instruction

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### Have specific curriculum and instruction Ph.D. program questions? Please contact:

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