

- Students are required to take 16 dissertation credits and write and defend a dissertation.

Time Limits

- All degree requirements must be completed within ten years of first registration for AU doctoral course work. Students in the Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology must complete all requirements, including dissertation, within seven years.
- All course work and the comprehensive examination must be completed within six years of first registration for AU doctoral course work.
- The dissertation must be completed within five years after passing the comprehensive examination.

Full-time Status. For students who have completed all classes for the degree except dissertation and/or internship, full-time status requires the following:

- Registering for one or more credits of dissertation, dissertation continuation, or internship
- Doing “full-time” work on the dissertation or internship as defined by at least 24 hours a week or 720 hours per year
- Receiving confirmation by the dissertation chair or internship supervisor that full-time work is being done.

For students who have not completed all classes for the degree, full time status requires one of the following options:

- Registering for 8 or more credits of course work and/or dissertation and/or internship
- Registering for 4 or more credits of dissertation
- Registering for one or more credits of dissertation, dissertation continuation, or internship; doing “full-time” work on the dissertation or internship as defined by at least 24 hours a week or 720 hours per year; and having approval by the dissertation chair or internship supervisor that full-time work is being done. Students may not take more than 16 credits during a semester.

Bulletin Requirements. A student may choose to meet the requirements of any bulletin in force after acceptance into the doctoral program, as long as he/she maintains active status. If a break of enrollment occurs and the student is placed on inactive status, he/she must meet the requirements of a bulletin in effect after enrollment resumes.

TRANSFER OF DEGREE PROGRAM

Transferring from one doctoral program to another within a department. Transfers between EdD and PhD degrees within the same department shall be by petition to the Graduate Educational Programs Committee and can be made at any time during the student’s program. Original time limits are maintained.

Transferring between departments. Students who wish to transfer between departments must submit new applications to the Graduate Educational Programs Committee.

Returning to doctoral-degree program from a specialist program. After receiving the specialist degree, students who had previously been admitted to a doctoral program may return to the program by either of the following two options:

- By petition with all previous requirements (such as doctoral course plan and time limits) in effect.
- By application to the Graduate Educational Programs Committee on the basis of the requirements of the current bulletin.

PROGRESSION THROUGH THE EDD/PHD DEGREE PROGRAM

Leadership students should see the Leadership Program section.

Course Plan. Normally within the first 16 credits, the student and advisor work out a proposed course plan to complete degree requirements. This must be approved by the department chair and the Graduate Programs Office.

Research Requirements. Research requirements for the doctoral degrees include breadth, depth, and flexibility. Requirements are designed to enable doctoral students to critique journal articles that use common methodologies, statistics, and techniques; conduct research using appropriate methodologies; write research reports, including the dissertation; and continue scholarly research activity beyond the dissertation.

Comprehensive Examination. A written comprehensive examination is scheduled for specific dates each semester as noted in the academic calendar. Normally the *Application for the Comprehensive Examination* form and the *Application for Advancement to Degree Candidacy* form are filed together during the semester prior to the comprehensive examination. All course work and the comprehensive examination must be completed within six years of initial registration for Andrews University doctoral course work.

Advancement to Degree Candidacy. An *Application for Advancement to Degree Candidacy* form is filed after the student

- Applies for the comprehensive examination
- Completes all course requirements or registers for them
- Removes all curriculum deficiencies
- Removes any language deficiency.

The student is advanced to degree candidacy when the comprehensive examination is passed.

Preparation and Presentation of a Dissertation. Students should consult pp. 55–56 of this bulletin and the *Handbook for Doctoral Students* for information regarding the preparation, scheduling, and presentation of dissertations.

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PARTNERSHIP COURSES

Courses have been designed especially for K-12 practicing teachers who are not on campus but who want to take a course for professional development, personal enrichment, continuing education credit, or degree requirements. Students must have prior approval from a state regional teacher certification board or from the university which is providing their advanced degree or planned program to include these courses in their planned program.