

CURRICULUM, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITIES (EDD)

The EdD in Curriculum, Culture, and Communities (3Cs) is designed within a social justice framework across schools and communities to prepare educators, community organizers, faith-based leaders, nonprofit leaders, and others to take on new challenges as socially-just educators and researchers in institutions of higher education, schools, and communities. The targeted audience of the program will be:

- Current teachers
- Those seeking positions in preparing future teachers in the university (teacher educators)
- Non-profit organization leaders and educators (CSI resource coordinators, stakeholders, community activists)
- Faith-based organization leaders and educators (including priests, pastors, sisters, and other laypeople)
- Professions that involve education and professional development in their organizations (medical professionals, social work, legal, law enforcement, environmental studies, etc.)
- University staff/professionals

Related Programs

Master's

- Curriculum, Culture, and Communities (MEd) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/education/teaching-learning/curriculum-culture-communities-med/>)
- Elementary Education (MEd) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/education/teaching-learning/elementary-education-med/>)
- Language, Culture, and Curriculum (MEd) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/education/teaching-learning/language-culture-curriculum-med/>)

Curriculum

Completion of the EdD in 3Cs requires

1. 60 semester hours of which 42 must be completed at Loyola University,
2. a comprehensive assessment after the successful completion of the coursework, and
3. One of three options for a culminating project: a dissertation and oral defense; three-article research; or a Dissertation in Practice (DiP).

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses		
CIEP 440	Critical Investigations in the Field of Curriculum	3
CIEP 469	Issues that Shape Teaching and Learning in Urban Schools and Communities	3
CIEP 518	Theories and Practices of Partnerships	3
CIEP 524	Prvlg, Power, & Possibilities: Teaching Soc Justice Schools & Communities	3
Required Research Courses		
CIEP 488	Participatory Action Research (PAR) in Schools and Communities	3

RMTD 420	Educational Research I: Building a Body of Evidence With Qualitative Method ¹	3
RMTD 421	Educational Research II: Building a Body of Evidence Quantitative Method ²	3
Required Electives ³		
CIEP 521	Curr Theory & Rsrch Schools & Cmty: Positionalities, Prspctives, & Trnsformtns	3
CIEP 522	Curriculum Policy Across Schools and Communities	3
CIEP 523	Curriculum Improvement and School-Community Change	3
Electives ⁴		33
CIEP 415	Models of Instruction	
CIEP 442	Culturally Sustainable Curriculum Development & Implementation	
CIEP 447	Technology Enhanced Instruction & Online Teaching	
CIEP 470	Principles of Instructional Design	
CIEP 473	Instructional Leadership for Multicultural Schools	
CIEP 508	Social Justice for Multilingual Learners	
CIEP 541	Seminar: Curriculum Issues	
ELPS 406	Foundations Using Data for Continuous Improvement	
RMTD 406	Educational Evaluation	
RMTD 412	Needs Assessment	
Other SOE Graduate Level Courses		
Total Hours		60

¹ RMTD 400 Introduction to Research Methodology is a prerequisite for RMTD 420 Educational Research I: Building a Body of Evidence With Qualitative Method

² RMTD 404 Introduction to Educational Statistics is a prerequisite of RMTD 421 Educational Research II: Building a Body of Evidence Quantitative Method

³ At least 6 semester hours of required elective courses.

⁴ The total of 33 Semester hours should be completed with advisor's approval among recommended elective courses. Transferred courses, if eligible, will be counted as electives upon advisor's approval.

Comprehensive Assessment

Candidates must write a scholarly literature review that is assessed by their dissertation committee prior to developing their proposal.

Suggested Sequence of Courses

Upon completion of below coursework, students will enroll in Doctoral Study and Dissertation Supervision until defense of the dissertation.

The below sequence of courses is meant to be used as a suggested path for completing coursework. An individual student's completion of requirements depends on course offerings in a given term as well as the start term for a major or graduate study. Students should consult their advisor for assistance with course selection.

Course	Title	Hours
Year One		
Fall		
CIEP 440	Critical Investigations in the Field of Curriculum	3
CIEP 524	Prvlg, Power, & Possibilities: Teaching Soc Justice Schools & Communities	3
Hours		6
Spring		
CIEP 469	Issues that Shape Teaching and Learning in Urban Schools and Communities	3
CIEP 518	Theories and Practices of Partnerships	3
Hours		6
Summer		
CIEP 488	Participatory Action Research (PAR) in Schools and Communities	3
Elective		3
Hours		6
Year Two		
Fall		
CIEP 521	Curr Theory & Rsrch Schools & Cmty:Positionalities,Prspctives,&Trnsformtn	3
RMTD 420	Educational Research I: Building a Body of Evidence With Qualitative Method	3
Elective		3
Hours		9
Spring		
CIEP 522	Curriculum Policy Across Schools and Communities	3
RMTD 421	Educational Research II: Building a Body of Evidence Quantitative Method	3
Elective		3
Hours		9
Summer		
CIEP 523	Curriculum Improvement and School-Community Change	3
Elective		3
Hours		6
Year Three		
Fall		
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		6
Spring		
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		6
Summer		
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		6
Total Hours		60

Length of the Program

Typically, full-time students can complete the coursework between two and three academic years depending on summer enrollment. The dissertation takes another 1.5 to 2 years. Assuming normal progress, it is reasonable to expect part-time students who have completed all prerequisites and enroll in six semester hours during each Fall, Spring, and Summer semester could complete coursework in approximately three academic years and dissertation in approximately 2 years. Time for degree completion, including the dissertation, is four to six years.

Candidacy

The requirements for doctoral candidacy are

1. successful completion of all specifically required coursework;
2. successful completion of all comprehensive assessment,
3. approval of the dissertation proposal by the approved dissertation committee and Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Course Transfer

With the advisor's approval, students may apply credits from a master's degree or prior coursework. The three scenarios include:

1. If a student completes a Master's degree in a designated Loyola program they may be able to transfer up to 30 credit hours to the doctoral program.
2. If a student completes a Master's degree at an accredited institution, not Loyola they may be able to transfer up to 18 credit hours to the doctoral program.
3. If a student has a Bachelor's plus 5+ years of professional experience, they should complete a Master's as part of their coursework towards earning a doctorate in the program.

Continuous Enrollments

Doctoral students in 3Cs (Curriculum, Culture, and Communities) are required to maintain the status of continuous enrollment during their program of studies. This means that during each semester of each academic year (excluding Summer Sessions), each student must enroll in at least one course. A formal leave of absence may be granted upon request and the approval of the School of Education's Assistant Dean of Student Academic Affairs.

Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (<https://catalog.luc.edu/academic-standards-regulations/graduate-professional/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supersede school policies.

Learning Outcomes

- Develop the skills and competencies needed to be a transformative educational leader for community-university-school partnerships.
- Advance pedagogical knowledge and pedagogical content knowledge in the professions (e.g., education, faith-based, legal, medical, law enforcement) to best serve all people, particularly those who are in high needs.
- Work collaboratively with community and school partners to solve problems using participatory approaches for research, evaluation, and change.

- Analyze historical and current practices in schools and communities for multilingual students and their families in line with research and theory of supporting and promoting equity for multilingual populations.
- Value the historical, political, socioeconomic, and cultural realities and funds of knowledge of local communities as they work to develop relationships, practices, and systems within schools and communities.
- Synthesize issues of power, privilege, and equity through a lens of LUC's mission of social justice and Ignatian Pedagogy and analyze how they operate in curriculum, community, and local and global societies.

EU6: Principles and Practices of Social Justice

Students will develop their ability to apply principles and practices of a social justice lens in relation theories and practices of schools and communities by focusing on transformative teaching and learning, university-school-community collaborations, mitigating inequities and disrupting power structures and practices that have contributed to the marginalization of communities and people around the world through research and pedagogy.

Enduring Understandings & Program Outcomes

MEd & EdD in 3Cs is founded upon six enduring understandings (EUs)

EU1: Theories and Practices about Curriculum, Pedagogy, and Policy

Students will develop understandings of curriculum, pedagogy, and policy and apply knowledge on transformative curriculum and pedagogy for innovative policy in the local, state, national, and international educational contexts to advocate with and for students, families, and communities.

EU2: Ecology of Communities

Students will understand that effective educators comprehend the historical, political, socioeconomic, and cultural realities and funds of knowledge of local communities as well as relationships, practices, and systems. Further, students will understand that effective educators seek to engage multiple stakeholders toward creating that promote equity and social justice of society's most vulnerable groups.

EU3: Research, Evaluation & Change Practices

Students will understand and use appropriate and rigorous research methods (e.g., qualitative, mixed, quantitative) and research types (e.g., basic, action, evaluation) to investigate critical questions that contribute to the development and improvement in instructional practices, transformative curriculum, and the improvement of relationships across school, community and university settings. Emphasis will be placed on the use of participatory and collaborative research approaches.

EU4: Critical perspectives on Language, Culture, and Literacy

Students will understand and apply an approach to language and literacy that is heteroglossic, a view of language and literacy as dynamic, and an understanding of the acquisition of language and literacy as a process that occurs within and is influenced by cultural systems and structures including (but not limited to) those of the family, the school, and the surrounding community.

EU 5: Collaboration and Partnership

Students will understand that effective teaching and learning is situated in local and globalized communities and incorporates assets of students, families, and broader communities into learning. Students will understand that transformative learning engages in collaborative, mutually beneficial, and sustainable relationships among school, communities, and multiple stakeholders to ensure the academic success and social & emotional learning of all students.