

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Navigating the Program



NEW ORLEANS

BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PURPOSE AND GOALS

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.

STAGE 1: RESIDENCY

- Enter the EdD Program (January or July)
- If you are new to NOBTS, set up your NOBTS email. This is how NOBTS will communicate with you. You will use the same login for CANVAS, Teams, and your Student Portal.
- Complete Program Orientation & take EDOC9301 Intro to Educational Research and Writing
- Complete 16 hours of seminars (Recommended: 2 required, 2 electives)
- Submit the Plan of Study by the end of the first semester. Instructions can be found in the Doctor of Education Handbook.
 - Upon successful completion and submission of the Plan of Study, a Faculty Supervisor (guidance committee chair) will be assigned to provide direction, supervision, and evaluation of the student during the residency, 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).
- Schedule EDOC9302 Educational Research Models & Methods in the end of year 1. (This workshop is scheduled in summers only and should be taken the first summer after seminars.)
- Submit Research Proposal by the end of year 1.
- Map your remaining seminars.
- Take Mentored Reading & Integrated Mentorship (these classes do not have to be taken at the same time, but must be taken before ThM)

STAGE 2: SENIOR RESIDENCY

- Schedule and complete any remaining seminars (there are 28 hours of seminars in total)
- Develop and submit your Prospectus
- Continue your research and writing the Prospectus
 - NOTE: Stay in communication with your faculty supervisor!
- Submit a Prospectus Draft with an IRB Application
 - Proceed only after you have received final approval.
- Apply for Oral Proficiency Exam
- Submit your final DiPP Portfolio with an IRB Review to your faculty supervisor and the EdD office
 - Proceed only after you have received final approval from your faculty supervisor.
- Schedule and complete the Oral Proficiency Exam under the direction of your faculty supervisor.
- ThM Conferral upon completing 26 hours and submission of writing portfolio.

STAGE 3: CANDIDACY

- Take EDMN8200 Educational Career Context
- Complete research and writing DiPP
 - NOTE: Stay in communication with your faculty supervisor and committee.
- Register for EDWC9600 Writing Candidate
 - NOTE: You will be charged for the 6 hours at the same time.
- Apply for Graduation
 - August 30 for December graduation or January 29 for May graduation.
- Submit your dissertation to your faculty supervisor for approval by August 15 (Fall Semester) or January 15 (Spring Semester). Once approved, final document should be submitted by September 1 or February 1.
- Schedule and conduct EDDD9100 Dissertation Defense
 - Work with your Faculty Supervisor to schedule Dissertation Defense
- Complete Dissertation checklist and all required publication forms
 - Forms can be found on the NOBTS website under Program Materials

Congratulations!
You are ready to GRADUATE!