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PHD IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION

The University of Evansville's PhD in Health Professions Education (HPE) program empowers healthcare professionals to engage in innovative educational practices and transformative research that creates lasting impacts in the communities they serve. Graduates will have the skills to be transformative educators, leaders, and researchers in their fields. They will also be dedicated to fostering clinical competence and improving patient outcomes in their respective areas.

Program Advantages

- Program combines synchronous and asynchronous online courses with optional in-person weekend sessions occurring approximately once per semester
- Designed with flexibility for the working clinician
- Choose your pace—earn your degree in as little as 2.5 years, with the flexibility to take longer if needed
- Dual core curriculum features a first-rate education in both research methodology and design, and evidence-based teaching effectiveness—culminating in a dissertation completed with dedicated faculty mentorship
- Provides an avenue for career advancement or transition

Flexible Program for Full-Time Professionals

The HPE program is geared toward healthcare professionals seeking to join the world of higher education. As a result, students will find the course layout and curriculum very flexible for those with full-time work schedules and personal responsibilities. With a self-paced format, students can complete the program in as little as 2.5 years—or take more time as needed—making it easy to fit into their unique lifestyles. The program is seven semesters in length and totals 44 credit hours.



Dual core curriculum



100 percent online



**Earn your PhD
in as little as 2.5 years**



**Learn while
continuing to work
in the profession
you love**



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The PhD in Health Professions Education program at the University of Evansville is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Requirements for Admission

A comprehensive selection process is utilized to support a rigorous, post-professional graduate program. Interested individuals can complete the UE graduate application online. Applicants must also possess:

- Master's degree or professional clinical doctorate from a regionally accredited college or university
- At least one year of experience in an educator role and/or three years of experience as a healthcare practitioner
- Minimum GPA of 3.2 in all graduate coursework
- Personal statement describing your career goals and why you wish to pursue a PhD in Health Professions Education
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Two professional references

Applications will be reviewed by an admission team consisting of the Program Director, the Director of Graduate Admission, and a faculty member. The University will contact those who are selected for the interview process.

From Admission to Dissertation: Expert Guidance Every Step of the Way

Once admitted to the HPE program, you be paired with an academic advisor who will support you throughout your studies and help you select a dissertation chair and committee aligned with your goals. The program culminates in a dissertation that demonstrates original, high-quality research and contributes new insights to your field.

- Receive personalized mentorship and guidance throughout the research process
- Choose your own dissertation topic and build a supportive committee tailored to your goals
- Participate in virtual check-ins and independent study courses to stay focused and on track toward completion

"The HPE program is an ideal fit for those seeking a balance of rigorous research training and a strong focus on educational theory and practice. Its primarily asynchronous format offers flexibility for working professionals, while the cohort model builds a collaborative, supportive community. I feel confident it's preparing me to lead independent research and step into academic leadership roles."



Becky Johnson
Current UE Student

"My experience in the HPE program has been incredibly valuable, offering a comprehensive focus on education, research, and administration. The small class sizes, online flexibility, and project-based approach make the learning practical and directly applicable to my career. I'm especially grateful for the support of my faculty panel, whose expertise has guided my research and professional growth."



Amanda Snider
Current UE Student

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