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# Doctor of Education EdD

The Doctor of Education (EdD) is designed for education professionals. Built on a cohort model of inquiry, the EdD provides a structured, supportive, rigorous approach to doctoral study.

## Programme structure

The EdD is a 360-point programme, with two parts:

- Part One: A research portfolio leading to confirmation of candidature (120 points)
- Part Two: A thesis (240 points)

Part One is led by two senior academics (the cohort team), who oversee the completion of four major projects in the research portfolio:

- A critical review of the literature
- An analytical project
- A methodology project
- The full thesis proposal

One supervisor is also involved from the outset.

Part Two begins after confirmation and usually continues with two supervisors.

## Block days on campus

For Part One, candidates attend four full-day sessions on campus each year. These sessions are guided by the cohort team, and are usually scheduled from March to November. A strong culture of collegiality and support is encouraged.

## Project feedback

Each project is submitted twice (initial and revised versions). Detailed feedback is provided by the cohort team and the senior supervisor.

## Duration

In Years 1 and 2 the enrolment is for part-time study. Thereafter, candidates can complete the degree on a full-time or part-time basis. The total enrolment period is a minimum of four years and a maximum of six years.

## Entry requirements

You will need a New Zealand bachelor's or master's degree with First Class or Second Class (Division I) Honours (or the equivalent), plus a minimum of five years' experience in a relevant professional role. For the full list of entry requirements, see the University of Canterbury Calendar | Maramataka [www.canterbury.ac.nz/regulations](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/regulations)

## Thesis topics

A thesis topic is needed at the time of enrolment.

We supervise theses in these thematic areas, among others:

- Leadership
- Equity and Social Justice
- Te ao Māori
- Teaching and Learning
- Digital Futures

## Supervisors

A suitably qualified academic, usually from Te Kaupeka Ako | Faculty of Education, must agree to be named as your proposed senior supervisor on the doctoral enrolment form. Supervision