

**Ed.D. in
Higher Education
Doctor of Education**

Admission Requirements

Admission is based upon a total profile of the applicant's educational and professional background. It is expected that applicants have professional work experience. GRE requirements reflect the 2013-2014 GRE Guide to the Use of Scores. Unconditional admission requirements include the following:

- Application for admission to the UALR Graduate School;
- Master's degree or equivalent in a related field from a regionally accredited institution, original transcripts required;
- Cumulative Master's degree GPA of 3.5 and GRE scores of 450 (old GRE score)/153 (new GRE score) on the Verbal and 450 (old GRE score)/144 (new GRE score) on the Quantitative sections of the exam, and an Analytical Writing score of 4.0;
- Three years of successful professional experience, or equivalent, in an area related to the degree program;
- College of Education Biographical Data Form;
- Interview with and approval of the Higher Education faculty.

Conditional Admission

Conditional admission requirements include the following:

- A Master's degree with a graduate GPA of 3.25 or above (required standard);
- A score of 400 (old GRE score)/146 (new GRE score) or above on the Verbal section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE);
- A score of 450 (old GRE score)/141 (new GRE score) or above on the Quantitative section of the GRE;
- A score of 3.5 or above on the Analytical Writing section of the GRE.

Additional documented evidence of a student's ability to succeed in graduate-level work, research, or publications may be required. Program faculty may request the following documentation, including: official transcripts from all post-Master's studies, successful graduate coursework from an accredited university, examples of academic or professional work, writing samples, statement of purpose, and letters of support from faculty members or others familiar with the applicant's capability for doctoral level work.

The Higher Education Program Admission Committee will review and evaluate the documentation. Conditionally admitted students will be allowed to enroll in up to 12 semester hours, and upon completion of 12 semester hours in the program, the Admissions Committee will review the work completed to that

point by the applicant as part of the overall admissions application to determine if the student will be granted regular admission to the program. Admission to regular status will be contingent upon the student successfully completing 12 hours of coursework the composition of which will be determined with the assistance of the Higher Education faculty and with the student achieving a minimum GPA of 3.5.

Conditional Admission does not guarantee Regular Admission to the Ed.D. program in Higher Education. Students who are not granted regular admission to the doctoral program will not be permitted to enroll in Higher Education courses beyond the prescribed 12 hours of conditionally admitted coursework, but may be allowed admission to the M.A. in Higher Education.