Teacher Education and Development Concentration
The Ph.D. in Educational Studies with a concentration in Teacher Education and Development requires a minimum of 60 credit hours.

Higher Education Concentration
The Ph.D. in Educational Studies with a concentration in Higher Education requires 60 credit hours and is intended for experienced higher education administrators, student affairs professionals, and qualified scholars. Students develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for investigating, understanding, and shaping the dynamic relations among students, institutions of higher education, and society. Graduates pursue careers as scholar-practitioners in student affairs and higher education or as faculty or adjunct instructors.

Degree Program Requirements

**Required:** 60 credit hours

**Teacher Education and Development Concentration**
**Required:** 60-72 credit hours

All students must meet the requirements described below. Additional course requirements are determined on an individual basis through planning by the student and their doctoral advisory/dissertation committee.

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**Core Course Requirements (15 credits)**

Select 15 credits of concentration courses

**Research Methods Course Requirements (18 credits)**

Select one course (3 credits) in qualitative or interpretative research methods

**Dissertation (12 credits)**

Total Credit Hours 60

* In consultation with the advisor. See Concentration Course Requirements below for details.

Concentration Course Requirements
The concentration should complement the student's interests and, therefore, is individually designed. In consultation with the advisor, students will select a coherent set of concentration courses focusing on...
specific problems of theory, policy, or practice in higher education and are appropriate for the student’s professional goals and interests.

**Required Milestones***

- Residency (Immersion)
- Research Competency
- Plan of Study
- Comprehensive Exam (Written & Oral)
- Dissertation Proposal
- Admission to Candidacy
- Dissertation Defense
- Filing the Final Approved Dissertation

*General information about milestones for doctoral programs is available in Section III ([https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/graduate-policies/#sectioniiisummaryofgraduateschoolregulationsforallcertificatesanddegreestext](https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/graduate-policies/#sectioniiisummaryofgraduateschoolregulationsforallcertificatesanddegreestext)) of the Graduate Policies ([https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/graduate-policies/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/graduate-policies/)) page in the University Catalog. For information about how milestones are accomplished for a specific program, please refer to the doctoral program’s handbook.*