

Degree Requirements

I. Initial Courses (6 semester hours to be taken during the first 15 hours of study)

- » **EDE 554:** The Reflective Teacher: Examining Cultural Paradigms in the Contemporary Classroom
- » **EDE 532:** Teaching and Learning: Linking Theory and Practice

II. Intermediate Courses (9 semester hours)

- » **EDE 556:** Human Development
- » **EDF 583:** The American School as Social Narrative
- » **EDR 535:** Language, Learning, and Literacy

III. Area of Focused Inquiry (12 semester hours)

Students are to complete a 12-credit area of focused inquiry. Areas currently include the following:

- Culturally responsive education
- Inclusion/special education
- Literacy
- Technology
- Teaching English as a second language
- Open area: Students are encouraged to propose their own focus areas based on personal interests and needs and available graduate-level offerings at West Chester University. These areas would be developed with faculty in the student's area of interest and approved by the elementary education graduate coordinator. Workshop credits may not be used to satisfy requirements for the area of focused inquiry.

IV. Culminating Courses (9 semester hours)

- » **EDE 571:** Education Change: A Systemic View (3 semester hours)
- » **EDE 611:** Teacher as Classroom Researcher (6 semester hours)