

IST Ed.D. orientation

Welcome to IST!

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Overview of EdD Requirements

- 60-credit POST-MASTERS degree (meaning a Masters degree is required)
- No credits from Masters can be transferred into program.
- Up to 18 hours of **additional graduate credit** (beyond Masters) may be transferred into program.
- Core requirements
 - 30 credits of IST courses (including R711 and R690)
 - 9 credits of inquiry (Y520, Y502, Y611)
 - 3 credits of foundations (P540 or D505)
 - Minimum 9 credits of electives
 - Minimum 9 credits of dissertation (including R795 and R799)
- Online information:
 - <https://education.indiana.edu/students/graduates/program-specific/instructional-systems-technology/index.html>
 - <http://education.indiana.edu/students/graduates/index.html>



Overview of EdD Requirements

- Students should complete Plan of Study by the time they have completed 30 credits in the program.
 - <http://education.indiana.edu/epos>
- Students should form their advisory/research committee by the time they have completed 30 credits in the program.
 - Advisory/research committee will serve to guide student through program and dissertation research.
 - Committee has THREE members:
 - Committee chair - IST faculty member who is an Associate Professor
 - Committee member – second IST faculty member
 - Committee member – faculty member from either IST or another program in the School of Education
 - Student has option to change members of committee prior to dissertation if desired.



IST Course Requirements

- Minimum of 30 credit hours of IST courses
- Required:
 - R711 – IST Doctoral Readings
 - R690 – IST Early Research Experience
- For individuals with a NON-IST Masters:
 - R521 – Instructional Design and Development
 - R541 – Instructional Technology Production Processes
 - R561 – Evaluation
 - R621 – Analysis
- Based on review of Masters transcript, advisor may recommend/require any of the above courses
- Other IST electives can be determined based on student interests/consultation with advisor



Inquiry and Foundations Requirements

- Minimum of 9 credit hours of inquiry:
 - Y520 – Strategies for Educational Inquiry
 - Y502 – Intermediate Statistics (will also include a 1-credit Y500 course focusing on SPSS)
 - Y611 – Qualitative Inquiry Methods
 - Students may choose additional inquiry courses based on interest/consultation with advisor
- Minimum of 3 credit hours of foundations (select ONE)
 - P540 – Learning and Cognition in Education
 - D505 – Adult Learning through the Lifespan



Elective Courses

- 9 credit hours of electives
 - Classes must be at the graduate level (500-level or above).
 - Classes can be within or outside of IST.
 - Students can select a concentration of classes from one area – or not.



Qualifying Exam

- The qualifying exam is the final requirement prior to being admitted to candidacy.
- It is a two-day exam covering IST foundations, research, and research methods.
- Scheduled in Fall and Spring.
- ONLINE exam.



Residency Requirements

- All new EdD students **are encouraged to** attend the IST conference during their **first year in the program**.
- This year's conference will be held on **March 6, 2026**.



Dissertation

- Culminating research project for EdD
- R795 – Dissertation proposal preparation is a requirement.
- 6 credits of R799 (Dissertation) required
- Research committee consists of THREE faculty
 - Chair must be an endorsed Graduate Faculty member in the major area of study.
 - One member from outside area (usually but can be IST as well)
 - Members of research committee may be the same or different from members of advisory committee.
 - They will be the same unless you decide to change the committee.
- Research topic determined by student in consultation with research committee.
- Proposal must be approved by research committee prior to beginning the dissertation project.



Credit Transfer Process/Revalidation

- Up to 18 graduate credits (beyond initial Masters degree) may be transferred into program.
 - THIS WILL USUALLY NOT BE POSSIBLE
 - IST type courses will be the easiest to transfer
- Transfer courses must be at graduate level.
- Courses receiving a grade **below a B** cannot be transferred.
- “Independent study” or “Thesis” credits cannot be transferred.
- Students must have completed transfer courses a minimum of **seven years** prior to the date they are admitted to candidacy, or revalidation of the course is required.
- Common ways to revalidate a course:
 - Successfully competing a more advanced course
 - Teaching/team teaching the course or a similar course
 - Completing a project that demonstrates knowledge of the course content
 - Demonstrated work experience related to course content



Research and Collaboration Opportunities

- Participation/attendance at National conferences:
 - AECT: <https://www.aect.org/>
 - AERA: <https://www.aera.net/>
 - ISPI: <https://ispi.org/>
 - SITE: <https://site.aace.org/>
 - ISTE: <https://www.iste.org/>



Increasing Engagement/Involvement with IST Faculty and Students

- PLEASE contact your advisor whenever you have questions or issues to discuss.
- Membership/participation in GIST and/or IST conference planning
 - Online student representative (two seats)
 - EdD student representative
 - VP of Communications (served by an EdD student last year)



Important Tips!

- PLEASE consult with your academic advisor before registering for classes EACH semester
- PLEASE register for classes as soon as possible EACH semester
 - Classes fill up quickly (particularly inquiry classes) and once they are full there isn't much we can do
 - Distance students are given a registration "window" at the beginning of the registration period. Once that window is past, any student can register for a distance class (i.e., residential students)
- Course substitutions for our requirements are RARE
 - "Do I have to take stats?"



Questions, Concerns, or Suggestions

