



Mayo Education Centre
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Doctor of Education – Ed.D. Information from Mayo Education Centre

Mayo Education Centre is developing a Doctoral Research Group to conduct Educational Research in association with Lincoln University in England.

Some of the pertinent information is as follows:

- The Degree is called Doctor of Education (Ed.D)
(PhD – is regarded as Research for Professional Researchers
Ed.D – is regarded as Professional Practitioners engaging in Research)
- Ph.D. Doctorate normally 80,000 words.
Ed.D. Doctorate 40,000 words in assignments related to topic & 40,000 words research dissertation.
- Lincoln University - <http://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home>
- Any further enquiries to:
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- Annual Fees £1950
- Entry Qualification – Masters Level
Honours Primary Degree may be considered or equivalent plus relevant experience
This is on a case by case basis with Lincoln
- Start Date October 2008 (1st Study Weekend in Cork Education Centre)
17th & 18th October 2008
- Contact time Lincoln (2 Study Weekends & 1 week)
1 in Ireland (Oct)
1 in Lincoln (Feb)
1 Week in Lincoln (July)
- Flights from Knock to East Midlands UK available
- We have a possible group of 20 people who have expressed interest
7 Confirmed definite interest
15 Places available
- As a Postgraduate group we are now formally invited to the Lincoln Study weekend in Cork (17th & 18th October) and final decisions and paperwork will be completed with Lincoln there.

I hope that this information is useful - Thank you for your interest

I will be seeking confirmation of this interest by Sept 26th 2008. This information will then be forwarded to Lincoln. It is then a matter between Lincoln and you personally to confirm the application and to seek their final approval for the course of studies.

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Ed.D versus Ph.D

The PhD is more of a research degree which enables a person to pursue a teaching profession that requires continued research such as at a university.

An EdD is a professional doctorate that prepares a student of speciality education or administrative positions. Depending on the institution, it's a toss up whether a PhD or EdD holds more weight or prestige.

<http://teachingdegree.lifetips.com/cat/64823/doctorate-degrees-for-teaching/>

ERIC – Education Resources Information Centre

PhD and EdD dissertations were compared for research design, statistics, target populations, significance of results, age of subjects, and other characteristics. Analysis of 1,007 PhD and 960 EdD dissertations found PhD dissertations had more multivariate statistics and wider generalizability. EdD dissertations were more prevalent in educational administration research. (SLD)

http://eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/custom/portlets/recordDetails/detailmini.jsp?_nfpb=true&_ERICExtSearch_SearchValue_0=EJ495708&ERICExtSearch_SearchType_0=no&accno=EJ495708

Differences between an EdD and a PhD

In the [United Kingdom](#), the EdD differs from a [Doctor of Philosophy](#) (PhD) in Education in that it allows the study of a greater variety of education-related subjects in the first stages of study, focusing on a single topic only at the end. However, both the EdD and PhD are research based degrees demanding the same level of academic rigour. A typical 3-year (Full Time) PhD^[citation needed] in the [United Kingdom](#) usually requires the submission of a maximum 80,000 word thesis; the entire study period would be spent researching the topic and writing the thesis. For an EdD, a student might be required to research various topics in the first two years, preparing a 5,000-6,000-word report for each. The last two years would be spent on the thesis, which might be 45,000-50,000 words working out at about the same amount of words overall as a PhD^[1]. A key difference between the two forms of doctorate is that the PhD student tends to work alone while the EdD student will initially be part of a learning community although increasingly PhD students are now required to take courses on research methods similar to those taken by EdD students.

Research by Scott, Lunt, Browne and Thorne (2002) has found that the difference between an Ed.D. and a Ph.D. can be somewhat overstated as students of both tend to follow similar courses of study and to research similar topics.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doctor_of_Education