Coaching and Teaching Studies, Ph.D., Ed.D.

Degree Offered

- Doctor of Philosophy
- Doctor of Education

Nature of the Program

Our doctoral programs provide a high-quality and meaningful educational experience that enables each learner to succeed in achieving their chosen academic and career goals. Furthermore, the related experiences promote the development of learners as analytical thinkers who are confident in the application of the scientific method and who can excel professionally as educators and researchers.

The Ph.D. is a research doctorate, the purpose of which is to prepare program graduates for careers as researchers in university, government, not-for-profit, and industry settings. As its primary learning outcome, program graduates develop the competencies needed to lead innovation in the field through their contributions as independent researchers. Our Ph.D. students also acquire complementary experiences and skill sets that enhance their professional readiness in teaching, service, administration, and clinical practice.

The Ed.D. is a professional doctorate, the purpose of which is to prepare program graduates for careers as organizational leaders across a range of school, university, and community-based settings. As its primary learning outcome, program graduates develop the competencies needed to facilitate organizational change using data-based approaches to problem solving and decision-making. Our Ed.D. students also acquire complementary skill sets that enhance their professional readiness in teaching, service, administration, and clinical practice.

Both the PhD and EdD are in person programs that require students to attend classes on the Morgantown campus during the first two years of study. These programs cannot be done from a distance.

Admissions for 2027-2028

Applicants can seek admission to the doctoral program in Coaching and Teaching Studies with either a baccalaureate degree or master's degree. To be considered for admission, applicants must upload the following documentation within the graduate application:

1. Resume or curriculum vitae
2. Transcripts from all previous institutions
3. Official GRE scores (Ph.D. applicants only)
4. Personal statement (1-2 written pages on professional background, goals, and reasons for pursuing doctoral degree at WVU, and rationale for potential faculty advisor)
5. Letters of recommendation (2)

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact WVU faculty members, schedule an on-campus visit, or conference call prior to submitting application to get a feel for faculty, staff, students, and the WVU experience. You will not be able to submit your application until the above documents are uploaded. Once the application is submitted and (unofficial/official) transcripts are received, your application will be reviewed for an admission decision. International applicants will not be reviewed with unofficial transcripts.

Admission application form deadline: Apply by December 1 for priority consideration. Applications that are incomplete or are submitted after the deadline may be reviewed if openings remain. Admission is limited to fall start only.

Ph.D. Major Code: 5539
Ed.D. Major Code: 5515

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