

PhD Program Information

Doctoral programs are intended for those who are interested in education as an academic field of study. This degree involves advanced, in-depth experience in research.

Flexibility is key. Within the program, students can focus on areas of educational practices and/or theoretical orientations to particular issues and problems, and on research concerns encompassing classrooms, other educational contexts, or study of young children, youth and adults.

Progress Reports

Students will file a [Report on Progress](#) twice a year to be approved by their supervisor and the GPD. Continuing students will not be able to register if they have not completed their progress report.

Dissertation Proposal/Comprehensive Examination Checklist

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| | Students admitted to a graduate diploma, master’s degree program or doctoral degree program must maintain continuous registration , including payment of applicable fees, in every fall, winter and summer term up to and including the term in which all requirements for their program of study are successfully completed. Familiarize yourself with the processes and links available to you on our Graduate Program in Education (GPE) Current Students Page. |
| | Once students accept their offer to the PhD program and meet with their assigned Supervisor, students are required to have the Supervisor “officially assigned” by submitting a completed/signed Supervisor & Supervisory Committee Approval Form to gradprogram@edu.yorku.ca for GPE and Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) approval at that time. |
| | In discussions with your Supervisor, no later than the end of the sixth term (F/T) or the ninth term (P/T) or end of second term of study of PhD III , students are required to have their Supervisory Committee “officially assigned” by submitting another completed/signed Supervisor & Supervisory Committee Approval Form to gradprogram@edu.yorku.ca for GPE and FGS approval. |
| | While consulting with your Supervisor, begin work on your Dissertation Proposal. Be sure to also consult the <i>GPE and FGS guidelines for Dissertation Proposals</i> . |
| | Meetings with Supervisor should normally be held once a month. |
| | Meet with members of your Supervisory Committee to discuss the proposal. |
| | Once all your Committee members have approved that you may proceed to the Dissertation Proposal/Comprehensive Oral Examination (DP/CE), you must submit the completed/signed Request for Comprehensive Exam form to gradprogram@edu.yorku.ca and must be registered as active for the term in which the comprehensive exam is scheduled to take place . |
| | Immediately following the <i>DP/CE</i> the supervisor submits the completed/signed Comprehensive Exam Final Report form to gradprogram@edu.yorku.ca for GPE approval. |
| | If no ethics review is required, the student submits an electronic copy of the Dissertation Proposal, plus the completed/signed TD1 form to gradprogram@edu.yorku.ca , within two weeks of the comprehensive exam for GPE and FGS approval. |
| | OR, if ethics review is required the student submits a hard copy of the Dissertation Proposal, plus the completed/signed TD1 form & ethics forms to the GPE Office for GPE and FGS approval. See the Ethics info on our Forms page for the appropriate forms to accompany the proposal. |

All DP/CE information and forms can be found on our [Forms page](#)