

EDUCATION

**Jobs Possible with a PhD
in Education:
*Teaching***

Education Administration

Principal, Dean, Superintendent

***Specialized Education (special ed.,
exceptional student ed., etc.)***

School Counselor (Psychologist)

Instructional Coordinator

***Educational materials or
curricula design***

* There are two tracks an education student might take, one culminating in the Ph.D., the other, the Ed.D. (Doctor of Education). To determine the best option, consult with an academic advisor and examine the professional credentials of scholars, administrators, etc. who are doing work you would someday like to do.

The distinction between the two degrees is usually that the Ph.D. is research oriented whereas the Ed.D. is directed towards educational practice and the application of theory and research.

What does CWU have to offer?

- The **McNair Scholars Program** that pairs students in one-on-one faculty research mentorships and helps guide them through the graduate school application process, including GRE preparation!
- Many specialized undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs in education
- The Center for Teaching and Learning
- National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) Support Program

Helpful Links:

*Future Teachers Conditional Scholarship
and Loan Repayment Program:*

<http://tinyurl.com/futureteach>

Teach Washington:

<http://www.teachwashington.org/>

*State of Washington Superintendent of
Public Education:*

<http://www.k12.wa.us/>

*National Board for Professional Teaching
Standards:*

<http://www.nbpts.org/>

Featured Ph.D. Holder:

Thelma A. Jackson

**Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and
Change, Fielding Graduate
University**

**Dr. Jackson is the CEO and Principal
of Foresight Consultants, which
addresses the achievement gap of
minorities through various
organizations. She established the
African American Education Think
Tank for Washington State and the
non-profit Northwest Institute for
Leadership and Change**

* From *Making a Difference: A Selection of
Graduate Degree Holders and Their Contribu-
tions to the Public Good*. Council of Graduate
Schools, 2008.



Doctoral Degrees

The College awards two doctoral degrees: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and Doctor of Education (Ed.D.). The two degrees are equivalent in rigor but emphasize different aspects of the education profession.

Doctor of Philosophy

The Doctor of Philosophy program prepares students for careers of research or scholarly inquiry and teaching at the college level. The program consists of: (1) continuous research or inquiry, (2) courses in education and related fields designed to develop a comprehensive academic basis for future work in research and teaching, and (3) teaching and other related experiences tailored to individual needs and career goals.

Doctor of Education

The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) is designed to prepare students for advanced professional practice directed mainly toward the application or transmission of existing

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fair enough...and there is some nose raising at EdD's, so perhaps the best thing to do is state that there are two tracks an education student might take, one culminating in the PhD, the other, in the EdD. To determine the best option, the student should consult with her major advisor as well as examine the professional credentials of scholars, administrators, etc who are doing work the student would someday like to do

“yes, and then include a subordinate reference to the fact that some programs grant a PhD instead of an EdD and interested students should talk with their Education Major Advisor”

The PhD in Education degree is specifically for professional practitioners in education, including those in public or private schools, community or government agencies, professional associations, and other education-related settings.

The Ph.D. in Education program is designed for individuals with a commitment to applying a multidisciplinary view of theory and research.