



Doctor of Education

TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION IN EDUCATION

Our school system is full of endless initiatives—career pathways, project-based learning, social-emotional learning, etc.—to improve educational outcomes. However, none of those initiatives will ever create the sustainable change needed if equity isn't put first. The education system that is supposed to level the playing field is unfortunately contributing to the income gap, the achievement gap, and segregated schools (Putnam, 2015).

Program Overview

Pacific's EdD Concentration in Transformative Action in Education is designed for leaders who are ready to create a culture of social responsibility and effect positive change in

their educational environment or community. Our graduates will be prepared to be leaders who are able to critically examine systems, engage in self-reflective practices to understand their role in these systems, and commit to social change to disrupt and rebuild systems.

This is a cohort program for educators in every educational sector (public, private or charter K-12; educational organizations; and higher education) as well as nonprofit and community organizations. Designed for working professionals, the program includes weekly online interactive video conferences and 12 in-person weekend sessions per year.

PROGRAM FAST FACTS

Stockton
campus

56
units

3 - 4
years

Jan 15
early admission

Fall
semester start

Hybrid
online and
face-to-face
courses

GRE
not required

May 31
application deadline
Rolling admission thereafter
(if space available)

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We know that effective and sustained change comes from reflective practice. This program is an opportunity to do just that, for students and faculty alike to work together, reflect, learn and grow and to challenge our thinking about how we can make change in our schools and in our community.

Laura Hallberg

Program Lead and Assistant Professor
Transformative Action in Education

Curriculum

This specialized curriculum emphasizes a combination of rigorous academic exploration and applied, practical-use projects that integrate interdisciplinary ways of knowing that prepares students to advance social change and transform social systems. Students will explore unique perspectives of the educational system, including:

- Socio-cultural perspectives and inquiry
- Teaching as a subversive activity
- Aesthetics, arts and imagination
- Measuring social impact

Action-Oriented Dissertation

Our unique dissertation process allows you to customize your work in an area of personal and professional interest. It takes an action-oriented approach in the application of your work to make real change that focuses on the social, cultural, political and environmental influences on educational systems.

You will begin working on your dissertation proposal in the first semester. Through a series of four Applied Inquiry courses and research methods coursework, a large percentage of dissertation work will be completed during regular classes.

Tuition and Financing

Tuition and fees are set annually. The Benerd graduate tuition rate for the 2019-2020 academic year is \$1,053 per unit, which is a 31% discount provided automatically to all graduate students enrolled in a Benerd graduate program.

Graduate students who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens may apply for federal student loans. Please contact our Office of Financial Aid for more information about financing options.

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PROGRAM PURPOSE

To develop leaders through critical and iterative reflection who are prepared to disrupt and re-create systems to advance social change

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The admission process involves a holistic review of each applicant's background and experiences. The following are required for admission through our application in GradCAS (go.pacific.edu/GradCAS):

- Master's degree
- Official transcripts
- Resume
- Three letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- Writing sample
- Interview with Faculty Program Lead

For international students, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is required.

For more information, please visit:

 go.Pacific.edu/EdDTAE