

Graduate Studies Programs

Ph.D. in Health Professions Education

About the Program

Doctoral education is essential for the advancement of academic and professional educators. The School for Health Studies and the College of Arts and Sciences at Simmons College are offering a unique intra-professional program of doctoral education. The Ph.D. program in Health Professions Education is an innovative interdisciplinary program which prepares expert health professionals to be academic leaders with skills in educational strategies and teaching technologies. This academic option has been developed in response to the growing need for health professionals who can function as effective educators within their respective fields of practice. Recent trends in the health care delivery system highlight the need for a cadre of health professions educators who will teach the next generation of health care providers. The program is designed to offer a unique educational curriculum for health professionals in nursing, nutrition, physical therapy, health care administration, and other health related disciplines. Once admitted, doctoral students will focus on a course of study in health professions education followed by courses in research methodologies, advanced statistics, and academic leadership. A dissertation project is required of all students. The doctoral degree will be awarded by the Simmons College of Arts and Sciences.

Program Requirements

Candidates must have earned a master's or higher academic degree in a health professions specialty from either a regionally accredited U.S. institution or an international post-baccalaureate institution recognized by the home country's Ministry of Education. Applicants must have earned a 3.0 (B) grade point average in their graduate study. Practical experience within the health care arena within the past three years is required. All application materials must be submitted through the College of Arts and Sciences Office of Graduate Studies Admission. Applicants must submit official transcripts from all completed college course work, three letters of recommendation, documentation of recent employment in the health care field, and a statement of purpose which identifies areas of research interest. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of all applicants whose first language is not English. Required scores, taken within two years prior to application, must be 600 (paper based), 250 (computer based) or 100 (internet based).



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About the Faculty

All courses will be taught by doctorally educated faculty who have substantial experience as professionals in practice, education, research, and administration. Adhering to the educational value of scholarship and research, Simmons's faculty members are widely published in books, journals, and professional publications, and are recognized by their colleagues for their expertise and leadership. Each faculty member has their own research agenda including such varied areas as: the effects of changing instructional methods, implementing evidence based practice, the effects of phthalate exposure on human reproduction, role socialization, herbal supplements, dietary patterns of college aged women, rehabilitation in skilled nursing facilities, and ethical decision making. As a graduate student, you will be mentored by these faculty members during the identification and implementation of your research.

Educational Promise

Simmons College was named a "Best College" in its category in the 2006 *US News & World Report*. Simmons also was included in the 2006 Princeton Review "Best 361 Colleges." *US News & World Report* put Simmons in the top tier of schools in its category of masters-level universities in the northern United States. The overall "best college" ranking was determined by considering such factors as a school's academic reputation, graduation and retention rate, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving rate. Simmons believes passionately in an educational promise that places students first, helping them build successful careers and realize a powerful return on their educational investment. We honor this promise by delivering quality education and measurable success through our singular approach to professional preparation, intellectual exploration, and community orientation.

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