

## **Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) Program Educational Innovation**

### **Application Deadline for Cohort Nine is December 2, 2022**

#### ***Application Tips***

- Email-You will create an account using the email of your choice. When your account is created, you will immediately receive an email with a PIN to continue accessing the application. Be aware--- if you use your district email, the correspondence could go to your junk box.
- The \$55 application fee will need to be processed before the program has access to your application information.
- You will be able to save and return to your application. The application does not have to be completed in one session.
- Once you submit your application, you will receive access to the portal. Just so know, it may take 2-3 business days for checklist items to appear in the portal.

#### ***Admission Requirements***

- **GPA**
  - Minimum GPA of 3.0 at the graduate level. **Competitive applicants will have a minimum of 3.5 GPA at the graduate level.** Applicants whose GPA is below 3.0 will not be considered.
- **Minimum Degree Requirements**
  - Minimum of a Master's Degree from an accredited program and an accredited college or university. **Competitive applicants will have earned a Specialist in Education degree and have completed educational research coursework beyond the Master's degree.** To be used to satisfy degree requirements, evaluation of foreign educational transcripts must show degree earned that is the U.S. equivalency of degree required by the program.
- **Official Transcripts**
  - Official transcripts are required from all universities and colleges ever attended. Official transcripts should be sent to Augusta University's Office of Academic Admissions. To remain official, all transcripts must remain in the original, unopened, sealed and stamped/signed envelope from the Registrar's office of the issuing institution. Alternatively, Augusta University will accept official electronic transcripts from the registrar's office at your prior institution. Electronic transcripts should be directed to the Office of Academic Admissions. If requesting a manually entered email address please use: [graduateadmissions@augusta.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@augusta.edu)
- **Reference**
  - References, which include a reference form and letter of recommendation, from three individuals are required. Referees should be individuals qualified to critically assess the applicant's prior academic (usually college professors), employment, artistic, research and/or clinical experience (clinical or research supervisor/manager) and qualifications (as applicable) as well as the applicant's potential as a graduate student in the field/program selected.
  - The names of your 3 references entered into the application will be send an email with instructions about how to submit their reference.
  - If needed, you can log back into the application and delete/add your referee's information. You also can send a reminder email from the application to your reference. Please allow for sufficient time for your reference to complete and submit their recommendation.

- **Purpose Statement**

- You will be asked to complete a 300-500 word purpose statement **clearly** discussing how this program **specifically** aligns with the applicant's career goals as an educational practitioner.

### **Writing Prompt**

Read the instruction below carefully. **We will NOT respond to questions concerning this prompt.**

#### *Prompt*

Augusta University's Doctor of Education in Educational Innovation program is a member of the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED). Part of CPED's mission is to investigate, study, and consider solutions for problems of practice. CPED defines a problem of practice as: "a persistent, contextualized, and specific issue embedded in the work of a professional practitioner, the addressing of which has the potential to result in improved understanding, experience, and outcomes."

Write a paper 4-5 page paper (no more and no less), where you select an educational problem of practice to examine. Follow this outline and make sure to respond to the questions. Use this organizational framework for your paper. Also, you should follow *APA 7<sup>th</sup> Edition Style Guidelines* in your paper with a cover page, appropriate in-text citation, and a reference page.

#### *Outline for Paper*

##### Introduction

##### Identification of a Problem of Practice

- What is the problem?
- Who is affected/impacted?
- Where does the problem reside? What is the context of this problem?
- Why do you perceive this to be a persistent problem?
- Are there data to support your perception?
- What research or literature supports this as a problem? Cite no more than two studies.

##### Investigation of the Problem

- What might you do to understand the problem?
- How might you test possible interventions or solutions for the problem?
- What research methodologies might you use?
- How might a collaborative research team approach/investigate this problem?

##### Conclusion

- A brief summary of what you have presented in your paper

##### References

- A reference page for scholarship you cite in your paper.

If you have questions about your application, please contact  
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