EdD Requirements
For All Current EdD Degrees at the BU School of Education, 60 Credits Minimum

Pro-Seminars (8 credits across two semesters; completed in Year 1)
Two semester pro-seminar designed to develop a common conceptual understanding of Schools, Educational Institutions, Communities, Educational Foundations and Systems and Theories of Learning and Teaching, with Social Justice being a unifying theme throughout, across all SED Ed.D. students

Research and Teaching Apprenticeships (minimum: 6 semesters)
- At least 1 teaching apprenticeship
- At least 3 research apprenticeships
- Remaining apprenticeship foci determined in consultation with student’s doctoral advisor

Research (minimum: 16 credits)
- Qualitative (Required)
- Quantitative (Required)
- Mixed methods
- Advanced research course
- Additional courses may be required by programs

Specialization Courses (minimum: 24 credits)
- Course of study determined by program requirements

Qualifying Tasks
- Participation in a research project culminating in a formal write-up and presentation at a Doctoral Student Research Symposium at the end of the student’s 2nd or 3rd year. The research report will include a statement of the student’s contribution to the research. Work will be evaluated by the student’s Qualifying Committee.
- Completion of a literature review and an oral defense of that review on an area of the student’s field of study where there is a problem/challenge/gap in the literature and identifying one or more promising practical or theoretical approaches. Work will be evaluated by the student’s Qualifying Literature Review Committee.

Dissertation Proposal
- Preparation of written proposal for dissertation research
- Oral defense of proposal to Dissertation Committee

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- Dissertation which can take one of two forms:
  - Traditional or Alternative format with three publishable articles
- Oral Defense of dissertation findings to Dissertation Committee