



Commit to Educational Equity

At the University of Pittsburgh School of Education, we strive to disrupt and transform inequitable educational structures. Our Urban Education programs are for scholars and leaders who want to address how national, global, social, and technological change impacts urban education.

The Pitt Education Difference

- **Reputation:** Ranked the #1 public education school in Pennsylvania (*U.S. News and World Report*).
- **Center for Urban Education (CUE):** Engage in learning experiences and research opportunities through this space of learning and sharing with communities to positively transform education. CUE pursues education transformation toward freedom through a range of creative and intellectual endeavors. Learn more at [CUE.pitt.edu](https://cue.pitt.edu).
- **Renowned Faculty:** Learn from leading urban education researchers, including the following:



Dr. Richard D. Benson II

Research Focus: Black Freedom Movement; Black Radical Tradition; transnational social movements



Dr. Lori Delale-O'Connor

Research Focus: Connections between families, communities, and education across spaces; equity and justice for children and youth in urbanized educational systems



Dr. Shanyce Campbell

Research Focus: Equitable opportunities to learn for Students of Color; educational inequity; quantitative research methods



Dr. Lisa Ortiz

Research Focus: Latinx migration and education; examination of ethnoracial, gender, class, citizenship, and labor dynamic in the Latinx (Rural) Midwest



Dr. T. Elon Dancy II

Research Focus: Black intellectual thought; Black masculinity studies; identity-oppression dialectics and related schooling and higher education issues



Dr. Leigh Patel

Research Focus: Relationship between struggle and study; language and literacy as ways of re-shaping curricula; decolonizing research



Dr. Sabina Vaught

Research Focus: Schools and prisons; carcerality, decarcerality, abolition; knowledge traditions (race, gender, labor, conquest)

Learn More

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Urban Education Programs

Doctor of Education (EdD) in Urban Education

This [EdD program](#) is intended for **experienced education professionals** who seek advanced training for leadership positions, which might include curricular leadership roles, school district leadership, out-of-school learning organizations, university outreach/extension, and other areas where learning occurs within or strongly connected to the urban context. Our practice-oriented degree program trains professionals to lead, develop, implement, and evaluate informal learning experiences.

Graduates of the Urban Education EdD program will be prepared for the leadership of programs and organizations focused on learning in urban contexts, working as consultants, policy makers, or master practitioners, and teaching in masters-level training programs in areas related to urban education.



Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Urban Education

This [PhD program](#) is geared toward training **highly qualified scholars** who conduct critical research in urban education conceptualized broadly. The transdisciplinary, experiential, inquiry-focused curriculum prepares scholars to address the multifaceted issues in urban education alongside the insurgent and self-determined educational praxes of communities and peoples. The program draws upon its affiliated [Center for Urban Education](#) and its local relationships with community residents while building connections with social actors across the country and around the world.

The PhD in Urban Education centers Black and Indigenous knowledge traditions across multitudinous curricula and prepares students for research careers in both academic and non-academic institutions.

