MPhil in Education

(Regular, Self-Supporting, and Evening)
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Admission Guidelines



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THE INSTITUTE

The Institute of Education and Research (IER) was established in September 1960 in cooperation with the School of Education, Indiana University, USA. It is the pioneer Institute for teacher education and educational research in Pakistan. The institute offers various degree programs such as PhD Education, MPhil Education, BS Education in Secondary, Elementary, Science, Business, Early Childhood, Islamic, Technical, English Language Teaching, Child Rights & Safety, and Institutional Development along with short courses in Montessori and PGD. The Institute has recently started a Postdoctoral fellowship in Education to develop liaisons with faculty members of other universities and increase community engagement through collaborative research. These programs offer cutting-edge curricula and demanding & challenging assignments that require students to go through rigorous and extensive readings and produce quality academic writing in their research works to meet the criteria. Students, scholars, and fellows in these programs learn the latest teaching approaches, understand various educational theories, models, and their practices in local and global contexts, develop pedagogical competence, learn qualitative and qualitative research skills and instrument development skills that lead them to develop research projects and project solution-based pieces of evidence to impact society. Various MOUs have been signed with well-reputed international organizations for faculty exchange, research collaborations, and joint ventures.

MISSION STATEMENT

To develop human resources in the field of educational research by inculcating pertinent knowledge and skills, developing scientific attitudes, and strengthening the theoretical background in the field of education and research.

VISION STATEMENT

Transformation of pre-service teacher education keeping in view the indigenous and global needs to produce effective prospective teachers, educational researchers, practitioners, and educational leaders for the global market.

PROGRAMME GOALS

- 1. Offering extensive content related to educational research and preparing the scholars to carry out the research through classroom assignments, small-scale educational research projects, and sessional work like presentations, quizzes, etc.
- 2. Designing the scheme of study comprising of the courses related to the theoretical foundation courses and professional courses so that scholars not only strengthen their theoretical foundations of education but also choose their area of specialization for conducting research.
- 3. Developing a transparent mechanism to ensure the quality research meets the timeline of the degree requirement. Devising a pathway from the selection of the research to the execution and evaluation. Providing opportunities for scholars to appear before the panel of experts at each stage and present and defend their research in a well-defined format.
- 4. Organizing the seminars, conferences, and workshops on education and research and ensuring participation of MPhil scholars.

5. Providing enabling experience to the scholar in the form of content courses and workshops with a major focus on data analysis, referencing, academic writing, and publications.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Education started at IER in 1992. Almost 1100 students have graduated with MPhil degrees from the institute. The major aims of the program are to:

- 1. Enhance the potential of MPhil Education scholars in the field of educational research.
- 2. Offer a content-enriched scheme of study related to the theoretical and professional foundations of education discipline with a vertically in-depth rather than surface approach.
- 3. Develop inquisitive and disciplined minds, able to carry out problem-oriented research in the field of education to serve the country in practical life.
- 4. To introduce scholars to global and local trends in educational research and develop a positive attitude towards educational research.
- 5. To enhance the skills required for conducting, reporting, and publishing research.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR MPHIL

The minimum qualifications required of an applicant for admission to the MPhil in Education programme are:

- 1. Masters/BS Degree in Education or B.Ed. (1.5 years) or equivalent (at least 16 years of education after HSSC/F.A./F.Sc/Grade 12 or Equivalent; 120 credit hours) as per HEC and PU rules.
- 2. No 3rd division in the career.
- 3. All candidates will have to qualify for an admission test and interview separately conducted by the Institute.
- 4. Qualification from institutions other than the University of the Punjab will be equalized by the "Equivalence Committee of the University of the Punjab" according to the guidelines approved by the HEC. It is the responsibility of the candidate to obtain and submit an **Equivalence Certificate** of his/her degree in the Institute **before the display of the eligible candidates' list**. Failing to do so they will not be considered for admission.
- 5. Submission of the result notification by the Controller of Examinations, of the relevant University/ DAI before the written test is COMPULSORY.

Note: Admission criteria & eligibility requirements for Regular and Self-Supporting/Evening programmes are the same.

CLASS TIMINGS

MPhil in Education (Regular): 09:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m. MPhil in Education (Self-Supporting/Evening): 01:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.

Timings will be subject to the availability of free classrooms and the concerned teachers.

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR MPHIL

The candidates will be selected purely on merit. Admission will be made on 100 points criteria which will include the following:

Total:	100
Interview	10
Publications	05
Professional Experience	05
Admission Test	40
Academic Qualifications	40

1. Academic Qualifications

40 Marks

Break up of 40 marks for academic qualifications for MPhil in Education:

Marks allocated against %age marks (Annual System)

Course/Degree	45%	50%	55%	60%	70%	≥80%
Matriculation or equivalent	2	4	5	7.5	8.5	10
F.A./F.Sc. or equivalent	2	4	5	7.5	8.5	10
B.A./B.Sc. or equivalent	2	4	5	7.5	8.5	10
M.A./ M.Sc. or equivalent (pass course)	2	4	5	7.5	8.5	10

OR Marks allocated against CGPA (Semester System)

Course/Degree	2.5	2.7	3.0	3.4	≥ 3.8
M.A./M.Sc. or equivalent	5	6	7.5	8.5	10
	2.5	2.7	3.0	3.4	≥ 3.8
BS (Hons) 4 years	10	12	15	17	20

Marks allocated for Overall Percentage Marks (if CGPA is not mentioned)

Course/Degree	65%	70%	75%	80%	≥85%
M.A./M.Sc. or equivalent	5	6.5	7.5	8.5	10

2. Admission Test 40 Marks

The test will comprise three parts (i) General Ability Test (ii) Subject ability Test and (iii) Two essays (one each in English and Urdu).

(i) General Ability Test: It will include

- English/Verbal Reasoning
 - English Vocabulary
 - Reading Comprehension
 - Sentence Completion
 - Analogy
- Analytical Reasoning
 - Analytical Ability
 - Logical Reasoning
- Quantitative Reasoning

(ii) Subject Ability Test: It will comprise major educational concepts, theories, methods, etc. It will be drawn generally from core Education courses like:

- Philosophy of Education
- Educational Psychology
- Curriculum
- Educational Administration
- Educational Research
- Methods of Teaching
- Educational Assessment & Evaluation

Most of the questions in both parts of the test will be objective/multiple choice type. (iii) Writing Abilities and Language Proficiency Test: This test will include two essays to assess the writing abilities and language proficiency in:

- Urdu Language
- English Language

Candidates must obtain at least 50 percent marks to qualify for the test.

3. Professional Experience after Master/BS Degree in Education 05 Marks

Teaching/research/administrative experience as a full-time paid employee in a recognized school/college/university/educational organization.

- Half mark per year for school experience subject to a maximum of 5 marks.
- One mark per year for experience in college/university and other professional institutions recognized by HEC/HED subject to a maximum of 5 marks.

4. Publications 05 Marks

One mark each for a book, research report, and article on educational issues published in HEC-recognized international/national journals subject to a maximum of 5 marks.

5. Interview 10 Marks

The candidates qualifying for the test will be called for an interview. Candidates must obtain at least 50 percent marks to qualify for the interview.

IMPORTANT NOTE

- Everyone must get a minimum of 50% marks in academic merit. Before conducting the test, it will be ensured that every candidate, appearing in the test has obtained the same level. Otherwise, they will not be allowed to appear in the test.
- Out of 40 marks reserved for academic qualifications, 40 marks for the departmental admission test, and 10 for the interview, a minimum of 50% are the qualifying marks in each of the categories. That means a candidate must obtain at least 20 marks in the academic qualification, 20 marks in the entrance test, and 5 marks in the interview SEPARATELY to be eligible for admission.

CONVERSION OF GRADES/MARKS

1. Conversion of Marks of the Graduates from Allama Iqbal Open University Marks of the graduates from Allama Iqbal Open University will be multiplied by 0.75 to equalize their marks with the Punjab University for admission and calculating merit for MPhil.

2. Conversion of Marks under the Semester System

The Marks of all those graduates who have passed their examination under the Semester System will be multiplied by 0.85 to equalize their marks with the Annual System. However, the marks of the candidates holding 3 years B.A./B.Sc.(Hons) degrees will be multiplied by 0.90 for admission.

STUDY LEAVE

- 1. The in-service selectees for admission to MPhil regular and replica programme will have to arrange **two years of study leave** from their parent departments.
- 2. The in-service selectees for the MPhil programme will not be allowed to register in the **first semester** unless they produce a letter of sanction of study leave along with relieving orders from their parent departments.

DURATION OF MPHIL IN EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The time duration to complete the degree of MPhil is two years. If there is any delay beyond two years on the part of the scholar then admission will be canceled straight away.

TIMELINE

Sr.	Activity	Date
1.	Advertisement	22-12-2024
2.	Last date for Submission of online admission forms	09-01-2025
3.	Display of list of eligible candidates on website	11-01-2025
4.	Admission test	13-01-2025
5.	List of successful candidates in the test	20-01-2025
6.	Interviews of candidates who qualified the test	21-01-2025
7.	Display of general merit list & 1 st merit list	27-01-2025
8.	• Fee submission of 1 st merit list	29-01-2025
9.	Display of 2 nd merit list	30-01-2025
10.	• Fee submission of 2 nd merit list	03-02-2025
11.	Display of 3 rd and final merit list	04-02-2025
12.	• Fee submission of 3 rd merit list	07-02-2025
13.	Commencement of classes	10-02-2025

- 1. The roll numbers of candidates eligible for admission test will be displayed on the Notice Board of the Institute. It is the responsibility of the candidate to see the list of candidates eligible for the test on the IER Notice Board. No separate intimation will be sent to the candidates for the test.
- 1. Only those candidates who qualify for the test will be interviewed on the specified date.
- 2. The list of selectees will be displayed on the official website of the University of the Punjab.
- 3. Selectees failing to register on notified dates for registration will lose their right to get admission and their seats will be offered to candidates next in merit.
- 4. Dues are deposited through the challan form issued by the department in any HBL branch.
- 5. Only those in-service selectees will be allowed to register whose leave has been sanctioned and who get departmental permission to study at the IER in the MPhil in Education programme.
- 6. Objections/complaints about omission/errors in the list of selectees should be brought to the notice of the Chairman Department of Advanced Studies in Education.
- 7. The Institute reserves the right to correct any error, omission, etc. at any stage.
- 8. The Institute reserves the right to cancel any admission based on any Error/omission etc. on the part of the Institute or misstatement/concealment of facts on the part of candidates.

Sample Items for MPhil (Education) Admission Test with Correct Options

PART I: GENERAL ABILITY TEST MULTIPLE CHOICE ITEMS

Encircle the Letter for Each Item Corresponding to Your Best Choice

Section-1: Synonyms

Each of the following questions consists of a word printed in bold letters followed by four words. Encircle the letter against the word that is most nearly same in meaning to the word printed in bold letters.

AMICAE	BLE	PRECI	SE
(A)	Courteous	A.	Prefigured
B.	Flexible	B.	Disease
C.	Reserve	\mathcal{L}	Courtesy
D.	Hostile	(D)	Summary

Section-2: Antonyms

Each of the following questions consists of a word printed in bold letters, followed by four words. Encircle the letter against the word that is opposite in meaning to the word printed in bold letters.

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Ī	FEASII	BLE	DICHC	OMOTY
	A.	Plausible	A.	Disparity
	B.	Pernicious	B.	Equivocation
	\mathcal{L}	Rudimentary	(c)	Synthesis
	(D)	Impracticable	Ď.	Monarchy

Section-3: Sentence Completion

Each question below consists one or more blank spaces, each blank indicating an omitted word. Each sentence is followed by four choices. Read and determine the general sense of each sentence. Then choose the word or set of words which, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence.

I would like to have the newspaper as soon as you	The older employees are the of the
it.	country.
A. finished	A. capable
B. are finish	(B) backbone
(C) will finish	C. confident
D. have finished	D. superior

Section-4: Analogies

Each question below consists of a related pair of words or phrases, followed by four of five lettered pairs of words or phrases. Select the lettered pair that best expresses a relationship similar to that expressed in the original pair.

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HOSPITAL: DOCTOR	RACE: FATIGUE
A College: Professor	A. School: Graduation
B. Theater: Dramatist	B. Walking: Running
C. Artist: Studio	C. Carelessness : Accident
D. Drug: Pharmacist	D Fast : Hunger

Section-5: Mathematics

If $x + y = 3$ and $y/x = 2$, then y is equal to	.03 times .05 is
A. 0	A. 1.5
B. ½	B. 0.15
<u>C</u> . 1	C 0.015
(D) 2	(D) 0.0015

PART-II: EDUCATION ABILITY TEST MULTIPLE CHOICE ITEMS

Encircle the Letter for Each Item Corresponding to Your Best Choice

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Ontology is branch of Philosophy, which deals with:	All organizations including schools have
(A.) Reality	A Hierarchical structure
B. Value	B. Beaurocretical structure
C. Knowledge	C. Instructional activities
D. All of above	D. Structural looseness
Risk in Maslow's Hierarchy of needs, the need for	In correlational research, the relationship of one
love, affection and acceptance is:	variable to another is expressed in a:
(A.) Social needs	A. Numerical ratio
B. Esteem needs	(B.) Coefficient
C. Safety needs	C. T-value
D. Physiological needs	D. Fraction
A teacher strives to make sure that students "get" the	Curriculum development refers to the total process of
concepts she is teaching in each lesson she prepares.	curriculum?
To do this, teacher sure that she:	A. Designing
A) Gives clear attributes	B. Evaluating
B. Presents set inductions	Implementing
C. Writes clear objectives	All of the above
D. Uses experts in education	
Which one of the following variable generates	How children feel about themselves and how they
nominal data?	value_themselves is called:
(A.) Gender	A. Self-esteem.
B. Happiness	B. Self- enhancement
C. Motivation	C. Self-awareness
D. Stress	D. Self- actualization

PART-III: ESSAY WRITING

Please write essays on the following two topics. Each essay should consist of approximately 400 words

1. Essay in English

Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child

2. Essay in Urdu

