Based on the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED) Framework, the Ed.D. prepares scholarly practitioners to solve problems of practice in schools. Students develop the theoretical and practical knowledge base and research skills needed to design innovative solutions that positively impact local students, families and communities.

**What is the Ed.D. program?**
The Ed.D. is an applied professional doctoral degree designed for certified PK-12 practitioners. Students complete dissertations in practice related to complex issues facing South Carolina educators, in which they identify opportunities for change and innovation and document improvement.

**What is Improvement Science?**
Improvement Science is a method of inquiry that helps scholarly practitioners define problems, implement changes, and determine whether the changes result in improvement. The Ed.D. program includes field embedded research with the goal of moving theory into practice to improve educational outcomes.

**What are the outcomes of the Ed.D.?**
Designed for working professionals, the program helps students build a strong background in leadership, ethics, diversity, research, and educational improvement science.

**Benefits of Earning the Ed.D. from Clemson**
- Build the knowledge and skills needed to solve complex problems in South Carolina’s schools
- Join a network of practitioners who desire to improve education
- Further your professional development as a scholarly practitioner

**Consortium Partnerships Key to Success**
This degree is offered in partnership with The Citadel, Coastal Carolina University, and Winthrop University. Students must have an Ed.S. to apply for this degree. Clemson is also a consortium member for the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate, a 113-institution network of Doctor of Education programs.

**Why Our College is ‘Best in Class’**
1. Engage with faculty who provide in-class learning designed to build on out-of-class experiences
2. Learn and apply a multitude of practitioner-based competencies
3. Contribute to public education in a variety of ways, positions, and institutional settings

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