1) Ph.D. students in the Curriculum & Instruction Doctoral Program will demonstrate in-depth knowledge of core urban education topics, research, and the content in their chosen area of specialization (urban education, reading, ELL, English education, mathematics, or elementary education).

2) Ph.D. students in the Curriculum & Instruction Doctoral Program will demonstrate an understanding of the experiences of a group other than their own, and will demonstrate an understanding of the implications of those differences for education.

3) Ph.D. students in the C&I doctoral program will demonstrate the ability to conduct independent research to answer relevant questions in their area of specialization. This research does not typically involve PK-12 learners, but has the potential to add to the body of knowledge in the field of education.