

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (ED.D.)

Degree Requirements

Doctor Of Education Program in Educational Leadership

The Educational Leadership Executive Ed.D. program is an intensive 60 credit hour, cohort-based program designed for educators who wish to earn a terminal degree in educational leadership. The Ed.D. program allows students to keep their current full-time jobs while also studying full-time.

The program is aligned with the recommendations of the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (<http://cpedinitiative.org/>) to redesign the Ed.D. to make it a stronger and more relevant degree for the advanced preparation of school practitioners and clinical faculty, academic leaders, and professional staff for the nation's schools and colleges, and the learning organizations that support them. The program is intended to train an emerging generation of senior educational leaders with the knowledge and skills necessary to connect research, theory, and practice in leading high performing learning organizations to manage resources strategically, engage in evidence-based decision-making, promote continuous improvement, and encourage innovation.

The program includes courses in educational leadership, program assessment and evaluation, finance, ethics and legal issues, global education, and various research strategies. The dissertation process is structured and systematic, unfolding from the first course throughout the curriculum to make it possible to complete a dissertation study by the end of the program. The research courses in the curriculum are designed to build the expertise needed not only to complete the dissertation, but also to supervise, evaluate, and apply research to the management of complex educational organizations.

Because the program is explicitly designed to prepare educational leaders who can use research and theory to create change by solving a problem of practice, students complete a dissertation that is addressed to a specific practical management challenge appropriate to their work setting.

The Doctor of Education degree has two concentrations. One area of focus is for K-12 practitioners, the other for aspiring Higher Education administrators. For information contact Dr. Susan Santoli, Department of Leadership and Teacher Education. The program accepts applications each March 15th for yearly cohorts starting the following May.

Upon admission, practicing K-12 administrators who hold an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership may request coursework from their Specialist degree be considered for transfer credit into the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program.

A 3.25 program and institutional GPA is required at graduation. Courses over 10 years old cannot be used in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
Common Core		
To be taken for Higher Ed and K-12 options		
EDL 695	Mentoring Leadership (see footnote table below (p. 1)) ¹	3
EDL 689	Quantitative/Action Research	3

EDL 699	Research Project (see footnote table below (p. 1)) ¹	3
EDL 694	Dir St and Research	3
EDU/IDE 692	Research Proj Seminar (see footnote table below (p. 1)) ¹	3
IDE 615	Assess & Eval for Leaders	3
IDE 631	Intro Qual/Mixed Methods Res (see footnote table below (p. 1)) ¹	3

Higher Ed Concentration

To be taken only for Higher Ed option

EDL 720	Global Education	3
HED 611	Human Relations in Higher Edu	3
HED 621	Program and Curriculum Develop	3
HED 631	Sem Higher Ed Mgt Skills	3
HED 701	Adv Org Theory for Higher Edu	3
HED 702	Higher Ed Finance	3
HED 703	Adv Leadership for Higher Ed	3
HED 707	Multiculturalism and Organizational Change in Higher Education	3
HED 732	Ethics and Law for Higher Ed	3
EDL 607	Lead Schs/Multicultural Soc (see footnote table below (p. 1)) ¹	3
EDL 694	Dir St and Research (see footnote table below (p. 1)) ¹	3
EDL 611	Human Relations Skills (see footnote table below (p. 1)) ¹	3
EDL 621	Sem Prog Curriculum Dev (see footnote table below (p. 1)) ¹	3
EDL 631	Sem Ed Management Skills (see footnote table below (p. 1)) ¹	3
EDL 701	Adv Organizational Theory	3
EDL 702	School Finance	3
EDL 703	Adv School Leadership	3
EDL 732	Ethics and Law for Ed Leaders	3
EDU 650	Instructional Techniques (see footnote table below (p. 1)) ¹	3

Dissertation Hours

To be taken for Higher Ed and K-12 options.

(If dissertation is not complete in 12 semester hours, student must register for 1 hr of EDL 799 each semester until dissertation is complete.)

EDL 799	Research/Dissertation	3
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Total Hours 90

Footnote

¹ Required courses for Ed.S. Instructional Leadership