

Doctor of Education (EdD): School Leadership Concentration

The doctoral program provides students with practitioner realities in all coursework and research activities, enabling strong leaders to emerge with the necessary skills and knowledge to engage all stakeholders in successful student achievement and school success. Graduates of this EdD program will be prepared to become successful Pre-K-12 leaders in school improvement, knowledgeable administrators and instructional leaders.

Students will be able to apply critical thinking skills to analyze and solve problems; engage all stakeholders in the school community; create and sustain partnerships; and effectively identify and apply components of action research, change theory, strategic planning and collaborative decision-making. Benchmarks are consistent with National standards, based on Professional Standards of Educational Leaders, 2015.

This program of study's primary goal is to improve our Pre-K-12 schools by preparing candidates to be strong leaders in the field of educational administration. The primary target audience for this program consists of current and aspiring school and district leaders. Many central office jobs in school districts, including private and parochial schools, require and/or prefer candidates with doctoral degrees.

Admission Requirements:

1. Graduate Application for Admission; \$80 fee
2. 3.25 or higher GPA in a Masters of Education or related field.
 - a. Related Field: Guidance, Counseling, Psychology, Social Work, School or Agency Related
3. Two Letters of Recommendation
 - a. Work &/or Academic is accepted
4. Current resume; three years of documented, related work experience
5. Goal Statement should be 1-2 pages and address the following question: What do you consider the most important aspects of ethical leadership for school leaders and why?
6. Official transcripts of undergraduate and graduate degree
7. Mandatory \$250 seat deposit