Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Wichita State’s Counseling, Educational Leadership, Educational and School Psychology department (CLES) offers the program leading to the Doctorate of Education (EdD) in Educational Leadership.

The Doctor of Education in educational leadership is an innovative program premised on the belief that theory and practice must be combined in a hands-on learning environment that focuses on learning by doing. This degree program is intended for practicing professionals in K-12, higher education, and other educational organizations who wish to further develop and enhance their leadership capacity. Rather than the typical lecture classroom, seminars are held in a setting where faculty and students meet as equals and share ideas and presentations.

Admission Requirements
Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.500 on a 4.000 scale for all graduate-level hours. In addition, applicants must have validated strengths on the multiple indicators listed as follows:
1. Official transcripts of all college-level work completed, and indication of a degree conferral;
2. Three years of professional experience in a P–16 educational organization;
3. At least three letters of recommendation from supervisors and/or professional peers that attest to the applicant’s potential for success as an educational leader;
4. A current resume or curriculum vita of educational and professional experience;
5. A brief, one-page statement of professional goals related to the completion of the doctoral degree in educational leadership;
6. A sample of academic writing (such as a published article or paper written for a graduate-level course).

Application Deadlines
Review of completed applications will begin in November for admission. Admission will be for the Summer semester ONLY.

Degree Requirements
The EdD in Educational Leadership requires 55 credit hours of coursework, comprehensive examinations, and an oral examination over the dissertation. Completion of requirements includes core courses, a minimum of 15 dissertation hours, comprehensive examinations, and an approved dissertation. The five-member dissertation committee will include at least four university professors holding full graduate faculty membership, one of whom is an outside department graduate faculty member who will serve as the Graduate Dean’s representative, and one professional practitioner.

Required Courses
EL 968 Technology Orientation 1
EL 969 Introduction to Educational Research and Academic Writing 3
EL 970 Theoretical Research Perspectives and Applications in Educational Leadership 3
EL 971 Contemporary Policy and Organizational Theories in Education 3
EL 972 Leadership Theories Seminar 3
EL 981 Introduction to Field-based Research I 5
EL 982 Introduction to Field-based Research II 5
EL 983 Research Proposal Development 3
EL 984 Theoretical Frameworks for Organizational Analysis 3
EL 986 Adv. Field-Based Research I 5
EL 987 Adv. Field-Based Research II 3
EL 989 Research Design 3
EL 999 Dissertation 15
Graduate Assistantships
Students in educational leadership may apply for one of a limited number of graduate research assistantships. Applications may be filed at any time, but should be filed no later than the last Monday in March for possible appointment for summer and/or fall semesters.

Educational Leadership Faculty

Eric Freeman (PhD, North Carolina State University), Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership. Teaches: Introduction to Field-based Research I & II; Theoretical Research Perspectives and Applications in Educational Leadership. Research interests: charter schools, conditions of poverty, equity and social justice.

Jean A. Patterson (EdD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Professor of Educational Leadership. Teaches: Introduction to Field-based Research I & II; Research Proposal Development; Research Design. Research interests: social justice; complex organizations and service delivery systems, educational politics and policy; qualitative inquiry.

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