Executive Ed.D. in Educational Leadership

Fact Sheet

A Carnegie-influenced executive doctoral program, preparing skilled scholar practitioners to lead organizations in solving complex problems of practice

Program Highlights:
• Three-year program
• Concentrations: P-12 Leadership, Community College Leadership
• Cohort model
• Rigorous, integrated, scaffolded curriculum
• Signature pedagogies: problem-based learning, embedded fieldwork
• Hybrid course delivery (one weekend per month and online work)
• Summer Studio collaboration with EdD students and faculty at ECU and High Point University
• Benchmark assessments
• Developmental inquiry strand, culminating in a disquisition on a field-based problem
• Engagement of practitioners as partners in course delivery and research

Course Requirements
• Total credits required: 53
• Number of credits that must be taken at WCU: 44
• 2 core courses (1 leadership, 1 inquiry) each semester for 6 semesters, including summers (35 credits)
• 9 credits of disquisition research during the last 5 semesters
• 9 credits of electives, selected to support the student’s area of concentration
• 6 credits of electives for a Superintendent’s license concentration (included in the 9 credits of electives)

Admissions Requirements
Note: Cohorts are limited in number, making this a competitive admissions process.
• Application letter stating leadership experience and goals
• Resume highlighting leadership experience
• Official scores from Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
• Transcripts for all graduate work, documenting a GPA of 3.5
• Names and emails of three references who will be asked to complete an online recommendation (It is suggested that you submit 4 names)
• Interview and writing exercise for those meeting criteria at the highest levels
• A principal’s license must be completed prior to admission, if you are interested in earning a Superintendent’s license.

Submission application deadline to Grad School via Apply Yourself (admit 1 cohort/year-Summer): Jan. 15

Tuition Information: Check online at http://tuition.wcu.edu
Additional fees may be assessed.

Accreditations and Affiliations
• CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation)
• Authorized superintendent licensure program from NCDPI

Biltmore Park in Asheville Information:
Directions to Biltmore Park - http://www.biltmopark.com/area/directions
Directions to parking garage behind the building - http://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/WCU_Biltmore_Parking.pdf

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