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
- Three Leadership Concentrations:
  - PK-12 with superintendent license or without superintendent license
  - Community College
  - University
- Cohort model (average size = 15)
- Rigorous, integrated, scaffolded curriculum
- Signature pedagogies: problem-based learning, improvement science, and equity/social justice
- Hybrid course delivery model (one weekend per month and online work)
- Developmental inquiry strand, culminating in a disquisition (dissertation in practice) focused on a field-based problem
- Engagement of community leadership practitioners as partners in course delivery, research, and student disquisition committees
- Diverse, highly-qualified and experienced professors

Course Requirements
- Total credits required to graduate: 53
  - 19 credits leadership courses
  - 16 credits inquiry/research courses
  - 9 credits of disquisition research credit
  - 9 credits of concentration electives
- 9 doctoral credits can be considered for transfer into the program

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

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