

Doctorate in Educational Leadership

The New Generation of Leaders

The EDL doctoral program offers opportunities for students to extend their knowledge and skills in leadership and research. The program features a basic core of 9 units focused on building knowledge and understanding of leadership and organizational theory grounded in diversity, the changing demographics of our schools, students and faculties.

The EDL model focuses on theories, research inquiry, and practical strategies to dramatically improve student performance and close achievement gaps. We offer summer and academic year courses. Field experiences will include opportunities for research and attendance at national and international conferences.

Faculty expertise includes research on social justice, policy and evaluation, school-community collaboration, curriculum leadership, turnaround schools, systems/institutional theory, school climate and culture, discipline, safety, change, and teacher/principal/ superintendent leadership.

Minimum Requirements

- Master's Degree in Educational Leadership or related field
- Administrator certification **or** three years teaching or relevant experience
- Current employment as an administrator **or** previous leadership experience
- Minimum 3.5 GPA in graduate work
- Current acceptable Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
- Students without a background in educational leadership will need to fulfill further requirements prior to beginning the cohort core courses.



Features

Doctoral students will develop a deeper understanding of the relationship between theory and research.

- Evidence-Based—Students will learn research-based, effective practices to improve student learning, close achievement gaps, promote safe and healthy school cultures, and strengthen community partnerships.
- Focus on Equity—The EDL program is committed to training leaders who are dedicated to equity and equality
- Working Practitioner Friendly—Students can complete an entire doctoral program at a nationally top-rated research institution while working full-time
- Certification—Students can work toward principal and/or superintendent certification in conjunction with the program
- Convenient Locations – UA Campus, Maricopa (pending)

Faculty

Jeffrey Bennett, Assistant Professor Ph.D., Educational Administration, The Ohio State University

Kris Bosworth, Professor, Smith Endowed Chair, Ph.D., Adult Education/Educational Technology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Lynnette Brunderman, Associate Prof. of Practice, Ed.D., Educational Administration, University of Arizona

John Taylor, Professor Ed.D., Curriculum, Instruction, and Teacher Education, Stanford University

Rose Ylimaki, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Educational Administration, University of Wisconsin – Madison

EDL Doctoral Core Courses*

All courses are 3 units unless otherwise noted.

EDL 620

Advanced Foundations of Educational Leadership:
Theory, Research & Practice

EDL 621

Organizational, Operational & Resource Leadership

EDL 625

Leadership for the School & Diverse Community

*PhD students also take one theory course from another discipline, such as sociology, political science, etc.

The program prepared me for the expanding roles and responsibilities as a leader. The rigorous course work engaged me and faculty challenged me to look at schools and schooling in new ways. I believe I am now a more creative thinker and more effective problem-solver.

Nathan McCann

Superintendent
Altar Valley School District



EDL Doctoral Research Courses*

- Qualitative Methods in Education
- Advanced Qualitative Methods
- Beginning Quantitative Research Methods
- Advanced Quantitative Research Methods
- Research Design

*EdD students take a minimum of 9 units; PhD students take a minimum of 15 credits.

It has provided me a perfect combination of theoretical and practical foundations of educational leadership as well as a deeper perspective toward educational change in a globalized world. A strong program for all domestic and international students interested in educational leadership and policy.

Elia M. Villasenor

Graduate Teaching Assistant
Dept of Spanish & Portuguese



Tuition

Cost is \$793.68 per unit, which includes tuition and fees (based on 2011-12 rates and subject to change). Financial aid information is available at <http://grad.arizona.edu/financial-resources>

EDL Doctoral Student Minor

All doctoral students take a minor in another program (e.g. law, curriculum) that complements their interests and aspirations.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE

To be considered for the 2012 Fall Admission, Department Applications must be received by **April 1st**

For more Information:

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The EDL program has helped my growth as a professional educator by providing a solid foundation in leadership theory, demonstrating the links between theory and my own practice, and encouraging me to step out of my comfort zone to present and publish my research.

Thad Dugan

Graduate Research Associate
Educational Policy Studies & Practice