

# Educational Leadership

The Educational Leadership Program at the University of Arizona College of Education prepares scholar-practitioners for leadership roles at all levels of public education. Through coursework, internships, and independent research projects, students in both our Master's and Doctoral programs enhance their abilities to

- use theory and research to inform and guide inquiry and practice
- cultivate interpersonal relationships and strengthen political diplomacy skills
- follow ethical principles
- adapt to a changing world
- predict the consequences of proposed action
- sustain continuous educational improvements over time

Graduates from the Educational Leadership Program hold positions in urban, rural, and suburban districts. They work as principals, superintendents, and other district office professionals. Many graduates serve in leadership roles in professional organizations at the state and national level.



# Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) In Educational Leadership

## The New Generation of Leadership

The EDL doctoral program is designed for practicing and aspiring leaders and offers opportunities for students to extend their 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 on campus and through distance learning opportunities. 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.

### Course Requirements:

**EDD MINIMUM TOTAL      63 units**  
**PHD MINIMUM TOTAL      72 units**  
**(pending)**

***EDL prepares graduates to use evidence-based theory, research inquiry, and practical strategies to dramatically Turn Around Schools and close achievement gaps.***

# Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Educational Leadership

The EDL master's program is designed for aspiring educational leaders who wish to obtain administrative certification. This degree provides a solid foundation for leaders considering pursuing doctoral work in the future. Courses are offered in the summer and during the academic year allowing part time and full time students to participate in the program. Students who choose not to enroll in the cohort can opt to take coursework on a course- and space-available basis. The 36 unit program includes 3 units of internship for principal certification.

### Minimum Requirements

- Cumulative undergraduate GPA 3.00
- Three years successful teaching or related experience

### Course Requirements

Core Courses (Foundations, Law, Principalship, Personnel, Supervision, Finance, Internship)	21 units
Research Courses	6 units
Electives	<u>9 units</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36 units</b>

*Students pursuing Superintendent Certification will also take a 3-unit Superintendency course and a 3-unit Superintendent Internship.*

## The Ed.D. Program Features

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- Evidence-Based—Students learn the most current, 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
- Accelerated—Students can complete coursework for an entire doctoral program at a nationally top-rated research institution in three years while working full-time



Educational leaders must have the ability to navigate from theory to practice, from quick decision making to deliberate long-term planning, and from big ideas to tiny details, as they strive to improve the quality of teaching and learning in their organizations. The EDL program at the University of Arizona exquisitely prepared me for these challenges.

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## Nationally Recognized Faculty & Research Program

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The faculty of the Educational Leadership Program is recognized locally, statewide, and nationally for significant educational research, outstanding teaching in the field of educational leadership, and commitment to the service of public education.

### Faculty

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

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

Lynnette Brunderman, Associate Professor of Practice EdD., Educational Leadership, University of Arizona

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

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### Adjunct Faculty

Marianne Castellon, Ed D., Educational Leadership, University of Arizona

Maria Menconi, Ed.D., Educational Management and Development, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

Scott Mundell, Ed.D., Educational Leadership, University of Arizona

Rosanne Neal, Ed D., Educational Leadership, University of Arizona

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# THE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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## Application of Theory and Research to Leadership Practice

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