

# DOCTOR OF EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

## *A* ABOUT THE PROGRAM ...

The **Doctor of Education in Leadership and Administration** is a practice-based program designed for working professionals who seek the knowledge and experience to function as leaders in their organizations. The program's interdisciplinary framework also includes specializations for those working toward a superintendent's letter of eligibility or K-12 principal certification. This 54-credit program – available fully online, on-campus (evening classes with some weekend commitments), or via live-stream – can be completed in just three years, including the dissertation. With eight-week courses, students focus on the objectives by taking one course at a time, allowing for deeper understanding of the content area. Doctoral candidates may be able to transfer in as many as 18 post-master's credits and would need to complete 36 credits.

### COURSE WORK

#### **BLOCK 1 - Select One Track**

##### **PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP OR SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER OF ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIZATION – TRACK 1**

Fall 1	EDUC 720 A&S of Authenticity in Leadership	3 credits
Fall 2	EDUC 721 A&S of Visionary Leadership	3 credits
Spring 1	EDUC 722 A&S of Cultural/Relational Leadership	3 credits
Spring 2	EDUC 723 A&S of Quality/Capacity Leadership	3 credits
Sum 1	EDUC 724 A&S of Systems & Service Leadership	3 credits
Sum 2	EDUC 725 A&S of Communication in Leadership	3 credits

##### **K-12 ADMINISTRATION SPECIALIZATION – TRACK 2**

Fall 1	EDUC 745 The Principalship	3 credits
Fall 2	EDUC 738 Educational Administration	3 credits
Spring 1	EDUC 749 Applied Research in School Admin I	3 credits
Spring 2	EDUC 746 Curriculum Supervision & Leadership	3 credits
Sum 1	EDUC 750 Applied Research in School Admin II	3 credits
Sum 2	SPED 734 Differentiated Instructional Practices	3 credits

##### **INDIVIDUALIZED CONCENTRATION – TRACK 3**

For students transferring post-master's credits - minimum 3; maximum 18 pending the approval of the program director. If fewer than 18 credits are transferred, the remainder of courses needed will be selected from the Professional Leadership track by the program director. You will be required to attend six, day-long seminars, two each academic semester. These seminars will address the theory and performance of the six domains central to the study of leadership in this program: authenticity, vision, culture, quality, service and communication.

#### **BLOCK 2 - Theory and Research Core (required)**

Fall 1	EDUC 710 Theory and Practice of Leadership	3 credits
Fall 2	EDUC 711 Mitigating Differences	3 credits
Spring 1	EDUC 712 Cultivating Ethical Diversity	3 credits
Spring 2	EDUC 714 Research I: Quantitative	3 credits
Sum 1	EDUC 715 Research II: Qualitative	3 credits
Sum 2	EDUC 713 Organizational Development	3 credits

#### **BLOCK 3 - DISSERTATION COURSES (required)**

Fall 1	EDUC 740 Introduction to Research Writing	3 credits
Fall 2	EDUC 741 Dissertation Seminar	3 credits
Spring 1	EDUC 744 Dissertation Research Design	3 credits
Spring 2	EDUC 751 Dissertation Writing I	3 credits
Sum 1	EDUC 752 Dissertation Writing II	3 credits
Sum 2	EDUC 753 Dissertation Writing III	3 credits

**TOTAL CREDITS FOR DEGREE**

**54 credits**

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCTORAL PROGRAM CANDIDATES:

- Apply online (fee is waived) at [www.pointpark.edu/apply](http://www.pointpark.edu/apply).
- Official college transcripts (for all colleges/universities attended). A minimum 3.25 graduate G.P.A. is required for admittance.
- Current resume detailing all previous educational and administrative experience—email to [gradadmission@pointpark.edu](mailto:gradadmission@pointpark.edu).
- Statement of purpose (minimum three pages; maximum five pages) addressing your reasons for pursuing a terminal degree and why you feel Point Park's program will best suit your needs — email to [gradadmission@pointpark.edu](mailto:gradadmission@pointpark.edu).
- Two letters of recommendation
  - One from an academic reference who is familiar with your academic career.
  - One from a professional reference who can speak to your work performance individually and with colleagues.All letters should address your ability to work successfully under multiple demands. Recommenders may be contacted by Point Park University.
- Once all materials have been received and reviewed, selected applicants will be invited to participate in an interview with faculty.

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