



AMERICAN COLLEGE
of
EDUCATION®

ONLINE
ED.D. & ED.S. PROGRAMS
IN LEADERSHIP



“Opportunities for advanced degrees that are within the financial grasp of educators, that supply the necessary, relevant and readily applicable resources, and that support equity and excellence for students are rare and valued. American College of Education offers these opportunities.”

*— DR. BOB PETERKIN,
Harvard Graduate
School of Education
Professor Emeritus
and Former American
College of Education
board member*

Relevant leadership in the digital age

For those seeking to reach the pinnacle of their careers as leaders, American College of Education offers the online doctoral and specialist programs in leadership.

The College is known for its accessible online delivery of academically rigorous, research-based, relevant content. Our programs impact the quality of leadership in America by helping leaders reach their fullest potential. The primary goal of our programs is to equip professionals with the tools necessary to be confident, creative, collaborative leaders within their communities.

Our students will have the added benefits of a carefully guided research experience facilitated through a capstone portfolio, which includes the doctoral dissertation or project, expert instruction about the use of survey tools and data, seminars with pioneers and innovators in leadership, a nationwide faculty unconstrained by the limits of a brick-and-mortar campus, and access to a robust library of current research, periodicals, and journals in the field.

Admission information

Leaders from all disciplines are welcome, including education, business, nonprofit and community leadership.

Applicants must complete the application form and enrollment agreement, pay the application fee, and provide official documentation of successful completion of at least a master's degree in any discipline with a 3.0 cumulative GPA from a regionally accredited institution. International degrees may also be accepted.

Additional admission requirements include the following:

- Current resume or curriculum vitae
- Goal statement, demonstrating a clear expression of purpose and anticipated personal and professional goals
- Interview with the admissions faculty

See ace.edu/EdD for all admission requirements.

Ed.D. in Leadership

64 SEMESTER CREDITS | \$306/CREDIT | APPROX 3 YEARS

The Ed.D. in Leadership is a terminal degree with a dissertation requiring original research. The program can be accomplished by working professionals.

Focus of Study options include:

- Higher Education
- Adult and Continuing Education
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Online Education
- Education and Community Organizations
- STEM
- International Education
- Instructional Leadership

Leaders who seek to become change agents from their local communities to the regional, state, and national levels will benefit most from the American College of Education doctoral program.

Ed.S. in Leadership

37 SEMESTER CREDITS | \$306/CREDIT | APPROX 1-2 YEARS

The Ed.S. is a practitioner's degree. The degree program does not include an internship, nor does it lead to licensure. Ed.S. coursework may be applied to the Ed.D.

- Leadership
- Online Learning and Teaching
- Cognitive Science
- English and Communication
- Mathematics
- History and Government
- Social Sciences
- Integrated Science

Students in the Ed.D. & Ed.S. in Leadership programs will:

- Collaborate in diverse communities of learning and build partnerships with states, school districts, or other organizations.
- Contribute to solutions for complex problems of practice.
- Analyze and promote best practices in leadership.
- Demonstrate evidence-based decision-making, integrating principles of equity, ethics, and social justice.
- Develop and implement personal and organization-level knowledge and skills including technology.
- Demonstrate mastery of content knowledge through the utilization of critical and creative thinking.
- Demonstrate competence in the application of multiple research methods.
- Contribute to professional knowledge bases through the dissemination of applied research. (Ed.D. program only)

Payment and financing options

- Payment in Full
- Payment Course-by-Course
- School District Partnership Agreements
- Third-Party Financing
- Monthly Payment Program*

Learn more about payment and financing at ace.edu/EdD

**Select states only*



Doctor of Education Program Course Requirements

		Initial Term (5-wk term)	Term 1 (10-wk term)	Term 2 (10-wk term)	Term 3 (10-wk term)	Term 4 (10-wk term)	Evaluation
YEAR ONE	INTRODUCTORY COURSE	LEAD6001 Introduction to Advanced Studies					Benchmark: <i>Research Competency Exam (Completed during RES6003)</i>
	RESEARCH COURSES		RES6013 Research Methods		RES6003 Applied Statistics		
	SUBJECT MATTER COURSES		LEAD6133 Models of Leadership and Coaching	LEAD6183 Grants Writing for Leaders LEAD6163 Management of Human Capital	LEAD6113 Ethical Leadership and Social Justice	LEAD6103 Evidence-Based Teaching and Learning LEAD6123 Management of Financial Resources	
	TOOL/SEMINAR			RES6011 Research Tool: APA and Bibliographic Software	RES6021 Research Tool: Creating and Analyzing Data	SEM6601 Doctoral Seminar I	
YEAR TWO	RESEARCH COURSES			RES6023 Quantitative Research Design	RES6033 Qualitative Research		Benchmark: <i>Concept Paper (Presented in RES6201)</i>
	SUBJECT MATTER COURSES		LEAD6143 Strategic Operations Planning and Innovation LEAD6153 Policy and Governance	LEAD6173 Global Perspectives			
	TOOL/SEMINAR			RES6031 Research Tool: Information Display Strategies		SEM6611 Doctoral Seminar II	
	SPECIALIZATION COURSES				Course 1	Course 2	
YEAR THREE	RESEARCH COURSES		RES6201 <i>Dissertation 1 Components: Concept paper, Doctoral Candidacy Application, Proposal Preparation and IRB approval.</i>			RES6301 <i>Dissertation 2 Components: Dissertation Defense, Presentation and Portfolio Completion</i>	Benchmark: <i>Dissertation Presentation (Presented in RES6301)</i>
			RES6501 Benchmark: Crafting a Dissertation	RES6501 Benchmark: Crafting a Dissertation	RES6501 Benchmark: Crafting a Dissertation	RES6501 Benchmark: Crafting a Dissertation	
	TOOL/SEMINAR		SEM6621 Doctoral Seminar III				
	SPECIALIZATION COURSES			Course 3	Course 4		

Educational Specialist Program Course Requirements

		Initial Term (5-wk term)	Term 1 (10-wk term)	Term 2 (10-wk term)	Term 3 (10-wk term)	Term 4 (10-wk term)	Evaluation
YEAR ONE	INTRODUCTORY COURSE	LEAD6001 Introduction to Advanced Graduate Study					Benchmark: <i>Research Competency Exam</i>
	RESEARCH COURSES		RES6013 Research Methods		RES6003 Applied Statistics		
	SUBJECT MATTER COURSES		LEAD6133 Models of Leadership and Coaching	LEAD6183 Grants Writing for Leaders LEAD6163 Management of Human Capital	LEAD6113 Ethical Leadership and Social Justice	LEAD6103 Evidence-Based Teaching and Learning LEAD6123 Management of Financial Resources	Benchmark: <i>Concept Paper (Presented in SEM6601)</i>
	TOOL/SEMINAR		RES6011 Research Tool: APA and Bibliographic Software	RES6021 Research Tool: Creating and Analyzing Data		SEM6601 Doctoral Seminar I	
YEAR TWO	RESEARCH COURSES			CAP6923 Capstone in Leadership			<i>Original Research Application Project</i>
	SUBJECT MATTER COURSES		LEAD6143 Strategic Operations Planning and Innovation LEAD6153 Policy and Governance				

Learn more about ACE today!

Enrollment counselors are available to answer your questions.
Call 1-855-290-3843 or visit ace.edu/EdD

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Some programs are not available in all states. See the Programs by Region map at ace.edu/map for a list of programs.

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