The Ed.D. program in Higher Education Leadership is designed for leaders and administrators of colleges and universities (public and private, two-year and four-year, nonprofit and proprietary) who desire to enhance their abilities and position themselves for heightened leadership roles in a wide range of professional service areas (including student affairs, academic leadership, institutional advancement, athletic administration, or institutional assessment).

The purpose of the Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership is to prepare reflective, principled leaders for higher education who:

- Understand the individual, organizational, and societal dynamics that affect college students and their success;
- Are effective in leading positive organizational change; and
- Are actively engaged in the national and international conversations surrounding the critical issues affecting higher education.

Program Outcomes

Reflective, principled Educational Leadership doctoral program graduates will be leaders who contribute to student success by:

- Comparing historical, philosophical, and social contexts of education
- Facilitating the success of all students
- Enhancing learning-centered practices across an educational organization
- Implementing effective leadership practices
- Leading with intercultural maturity
- Using research to inform practice
- Leading in a moral and ethical way
- Leading with care and collaboration

Admission to the Doctoral Program in Higher Education Leadership

Applicants for admission to the Ed.D. Program in Higher Education Leadership should submit all application materials by January 15 for priority consideration for admission to the next summer term. Admission decisions for regular graduate standing are based on a review of the following items in the candidate’s portfolio:

- Completed Admission Application (https://www.callutheran.edu/admission/apply.html) and non-refundable application fee
- Official Transcript(s) from a regionally accredited college or university verifying the applicant’s bachelor’s and master’s degrees or equivalent with an acceptable GPA
- Two Academic or Professional Recommendations
- Personal Statement (https://www.callutheran.edu/academics/graduate/documents/Personal-Statement-GSOE.pdf)
- Resume
- Writing Sample (e.g. chapter from a thesis, article, paper or report)
- Admission interview with the Educational Leadership doctoral admission committee

Note: International applicants must submit the following:

1. An International Student Application Form and additional required documents
2. TOEFL scores if undergraduate work was completed at other than a regionally accredited U.S. institution

Requirements for the Doctoral Degree in Higher Education Leadership

The Doctoral Degree in Higher Education Leadership is a 60-unit program. Candidates are required to take nine courses in higher education leadership (27 units), three courses in research methods (11 units), and six courses in Dissertation Seminars and Research (22 units).

1. Completion of the courses listed below totaling a minimum of 60 units:

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Note: Candidates will remain continuously enrolled until the dissertation is completed. If additional time is required, candidates must register for two dissertation units per semester until the dissertation is successfully defended (for a maximum of 7 years from the date of admission).

Advancement to candidacy is based on departmental review.

Residency - Residency will be established automatically by candidates when they continuously enroll throughout the cohort program of six semesters.

Note: Students must successfully pass all preceding doctoral coursework prior to setting for their oral defense.

**Courses**

EDLD 5XP. Post-Program Support for Cal Admin Perf. (0).

EDLD 502. Current Social, cultural, political Issues. (3).
An in-depth systematic study of the social, cultural, and political issues and trends that affect educational leaders in today's American schools.

EDLD 504. School Law and Public Policy. (3).
Implications and trends of court decisions at the federal, state, and local levels as they affect the role of counselor, teacher, and administrator; their impact on district policy and finance, and on district and local programs and activities. Also studied is the importance of policy development and implementation and its impact on K-12 education.

EDLD 510A/510B. Action Research for Practitioners. (1,1).
This course provides a systematic study and analysis of current research and research methods for conducting action research projects. The objectives in this course focus on the knowledge base (A); the techniques (B); and applications of action research (C).

EDLD 510C. Action Research for Practitioners. (1).
This course provides a systematic study and analysis of current research and research methods for conducting action research projects. The objectives in this course focus on the knowledge base (A); the techniques (B); and applications of action research (C).

EDLD 550. Focusing on Student Achievement. (3).
An emphasis on using multiple forms of school, district, and state data to: a) focus on student achievement, b) guide instructional practice, and c) develop coaching and facilitation skills to promote data literacy for all educational partners.

An overview of curriculum; theory, development, organization, evaluation, improvement and implementation; historical background and comparative educational patterns; the social, psychological, and philosophical roots. Candidates learn how to evaluate curricular and instructional programs for their effective use and implementation. Candidates learn to apply, model, and analyze both formative and summative assessment strategies and demonstrate an understanding of standards-based accountability systems.

EDLD 570. Curriculum Leadership/Program Eval. (3).
An overview of curriculum; theory, development, organization, evaluation, improvement and implementation; historical background and comparative educational patterns; the social, psychological, and philosophical roots. Candidates learn how to evaluate curricular and instructional programs for their effective use and implementation. Candidates learn to apply, model, and analyze both formative and summative assessment strategies and demonstrate an understanding of standards-based accountability systems.

EDLD 572. Managing Resources. (3).
The processes of managing human and fiscal resources with a focus on student achievement, including the selection and hiring of employees, supervision and evaluation techniques, fiscal resources, and grant writing.
EDLD 580. Org Transformation/Leading Learning. (3).
This course provides an overview into organizational leadership with a focus on leading for change. Specific issues to be explored are creating a healthy climate, impacting the culture of an organization, focusing on the establishment of equitable practices, and managing the change.

EDLD 590. Independent Study. (1-4).

EDLD 591A/591B. Fieldwork Practicum. (1,1).

EDLD 591C. Fieldwork Practicum. (1).

EDLD 592. Professional Induction Plan a & B. (2).
The course is designed to assist and support the candidate in the development and assessment of the Personalized Induction Plan (PIP) to support the candidate in his or her professional and personal growth. The plan is developed in collaboration with candidate’s supervisor (or designee), the candidate, and the candidate’s faculty advisor. Prerequisites: The candidate holds a Preliminary Administrative Credential; The candidate is currently placed in an administrative position as found on the CBEDS document for his/her district.

EDLD 598. Action Research Project. (3).
This course is a culmination of EDLD 510 a, b, c coursework. The candidate completes a five-chapter paper of the action research project developed in EDLD 510 a, b, and c, including the following: introduction; literature review; methodology; discussion of data; analysis and findings.

EDLD 601. Research Tools and Application. (3).
An introductory course that equips candidates with basic library, writing, technology, and research skills to be used in all courses in the program. Strategies and ethics of research provide the basis for designing research questions, selecting data collection strategies, and conducting basic data analysis. Candidates begin a comprehensive literature review in the course.

EDLD 603. Hist & Phil Fndn Educ Leadership. (3).
A historical survey of the competing philosophical bases for the creation and implementation of educational policy and practice, with particular attention to questions of equity and excellence in a multicultural society.

EDLD 605. Instructional Leadership Modern Org. (3).
This course explores several major theories of learning, group process and organizational development, and the implications of those theories for diagnosis and action to influence learner outcomes. It includes emphasis on the problems, dilemmas, and opportunities for leaders in educational, public and human service organizations.

EDLD 607. Ethics and Values in Educational Leaders. (3).
This course guides candidates to understand and articulate individual and organizational values that shape the dynamic learning organization. Students make the connection between articulated values and ethical practices in our diverse communities.

A comprehensive review of the research literature related to designated themes and a general topic of research interest, with a focus on literature review of the anticipated dissertation topic. Candidates will complete the integrative literature review and begin framing research questions for further pursuit.

The use of data-based decision-making in modern, diverse organizational settings. The course builds on the prerequisite basic research methods course and includes problem posing and presentation and analysis of data.

EDLD 613. Qualitative Research Design and Analysis. (4).
An overview of qualitative research assumptions, characteristics, approaches, and techniques. Candidates will conduct a small-scale field-study.

EDLD 614. Policy Development & Political Influence. (3).
Provides an introduction to the various phases of policy making in education, including problem identification, policy development, policy analysis, political decision-making, policy implementation, and policy evaluation. The course includes study of organizational structures for educational decision-making at the federal, state, county, and local levels, with emphasis on how and where influence can be exerted.

EDLD 617. Leadership, Diversity & Inclusivity. (3).
This course examines the social ecology of American P-20 education through a lens of inclusion, social justice, diversity and equity. The course will focus on best practices as they inform policy and practice from early childhood education to postsecondary institutions. It will also concentrate on the influence of diversity, culture and society politics on P-20 American education.

This course examines legal problems and issues as they affect students, faculty members, and administrators in American colleges and universities. Distinctions in the legal environments of public, private, and church-related institutions will be made. Emphasis will be placed on constitutional issues, contract law, federal and state regulation, liability, faculty and staff employment, and community relationships.

In this course, candidates receive the direction and guidance needed to develop their dissertation research proposals. At the end of the course, students will have a draft of their proposal, which must be presented to their dissertation committee.
EDLD 621. Int'l Comparative Educ Practices. (3).
This course will provide students with the opportunity to examine educational policy and practice through an international and cross-cultural lens. The focus of the course will be on (1) comparative educational policies and practices and their relationship with economic development, and (2) educational quality, standards, accountability, and reform. The course will involve a critical examination of relevant literature and the option of international travel to visit educational institutions and agencies of the selected country or countries.

EDLD 622. Program Evaluation. (3).
The application of quantitative and qualitative skills to guide the improvement of policymaking and practice in organizations. Candidates will conduct an evaluation study as part of this course.

EDLD 623. Student Success and Retention. (3).
This course will examine current research and best practices relative to college student success and retention. Particular attention will be given to the demographic trends, co-curricular institutional practices, public policies, campus environments, and educational practices that contribute to student success and persistence.

EDLD 624. Leading Organizational Change/Developmt. (3).
Candidates examine approaches to studying and influencing organizational effectiveness. The course includes a study of leadership styles, conflict management, group dynamics, and change process.

EDLD 626. Managing Resources in Support Org Vision. (3).
A focus on human and material resources and the organizational patterns of education at the federal, state, county, and local levels. Emphasis is on the interrelationship of the educational bureaucracy as it relates to the framework of decision-making and the functions at the local level in meeting individual student needs. The course includes techniques and strategies for grant writing and managing grant funds.

EDLD 627. Administration in Higher Education. (3).
This course will focus on the best practices in college and university management and administration with an emphasis on planning, resource acquisition, resource allocation, human resource development, and organizational communication. Distinctions will be made among public, private, and church-related institutions of higher education.

EDLD 630. Research Seminar: Data Analysis. (4).
This course is intended to guide candidates through the organization and analysis of their dissertations data. Advanced topics in data analysis will be introduced, including multivariate statistics; factor analysis; and multilevel modeling. Other advanced qualitative topics including the use of computer programs for qualitative data analysis will be presented. Candidates will be expected to present a draft of the problem statement, literature review, and methods sections of their dissertations by the end of the summer seminar.

EDLD 634. Dissertation Seminar 1. (3).
NOTE: Candidates will remain continuously enrolled until the dissertation is completed. If additional time is required, candidates must register for two dissertation units per semester until the dissertation is successfully defended.

EDLD 635. Dissertation Seminar II. (4).
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EDLD 682. Select Topic:. (3).

EDLD 690. Independent Study. (1-4).