DOCTOR OF EDUCATION
IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

CAREERS
The Ed.D. is designed for professional educators in PK-12 and Higher Education Leadership. PK-12 leadership prepares you for executive positions in PK-12 central offices as superintendent, assistant superintendent or district-level director. Higher education leadership prepares you for careers as college president, director, department chair or faculty in educational leadership.

REQUIRED RESEARCH COURSES (9 credits)*
EDL 700 Educational Research Design
EDL 800 Qualitative Research in Educational Leadership
EDL 801 Quantitative Research in Educational Leadership

ACADEMIC CORE (15 credits)*
EDL 815 Ethical Leadership
EDL 855 Organizational Culture and Change in Educational Institutions
EDL 860 Organizational Theory in Educational Institutions
EDL 899 Doctoral Seminar (6 credits)

CONCENTRATION (12 credits)* Choose either PK-12 or Higher Education Leadership
PK-12 LEADERSHIP
EDL 775 Educational Policy Analysis
Plus nine hours of electives chosen with an advisor

HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP
EDL 876 Higher Education Policy
Plus nine hours of electives chosen with an advisor

COGNATE (9 credits)*
Cognate is determined jointly by the student and advisor.

FIELD-BASED EXPERIENCE (3 credits)*
PK-12 LEADERSHIP
EDL 780 District Level Internship

HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP
EDL 880 Doctoral Internship

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS*
Written qualifying exams taken upon completion of academic core courses.

DISSERTATION (15 credits)*
EDL 897 Dissertation Colloquium
EDL 898 Dissertation (12 credits)

Work with an advisor to develop your program plan.

*Courses are subject to change.
Dear Educational Leader:

The Ed.D. in Educational Leadership prepares you to accomplish your career goals and gain the credentials necessary to advance to executive leadership positions in PK-12 or higher education. You will develop the in-depth knowledge and skills to transform educational institutions through theory and practice.

**What is an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership?**
This is an advanced degree program that prepares professional educators with enhanced knowledge and skills in advanced research and analysis, ethical leadership, organizational culture and change, and organizational theory.

**What does the Ed.D. experience look like?**
The Ed.D. is based on satisfactory completion of 63 semester hours of graduate-level coursework. Courses are offered online using the Blackboard platform with annual one-week courses in the summer during the first two years of doctoral coursework.

All courses involve a focus on scholarly reading, writing, lectures, discussion, debate and thought. The online components are asynchronous and synchronous, designed to build a sense of community and help you form professional networks. This requires that you are comfortable with web-mediated communication in multiple formats.

Every other Saturday from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST, you will participate in synchronous class sessions. Audio and video technology simulate a classroom experience permitting immediate feedback, detailed collaboration with instructors and fellow students, and increased engagement. Each three-credit course runs for eight weeks. You can expect to take a minimum of two classes during each sixteen week semester.

If you have already earned an Educational Specialist degree from a regionally accredited university, you may be able to transfer up to 27 credits from that degree into this exciting program. Cognate and concentration courses may be taken upon completion of your doctoral core, in conjunction with your core coursework, or transferred in through completion of the Ed.S.

**What can a Doctor of Education degree do for you?**
CMU’s Ed.D. program is of the highest quality and prepares you for the work of transforming schools, universities, community colleges and other educational enterprises.

**So what do you think?**
Does this opportunity sound right for you? If you are interested, please contact CMU at 877-268-4636 or CMUglobal@cmich.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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