

Doctoral Degree (Ed.D. or Ph.D.) in

Educational Leadership

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Frequently Asked Questions

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General Program Information

Is the program only for teachers and educational administrators? The program is an interdisciplinary educational leadership program that may apply to individuals from fields other than education. Doctorate students have represented fields such as higher education, criminal justice, medical related fields, industry, and others. The course work is interdisciplinary and promotes a broad theoretical understanding of topics such as contemporary curriculum; fiscal resources; human resource management; policy, politics, law and community relations; ethics in education; educational environments; educational planning and evaluation, communication and public relations, and administering the dynamic institution.

What are the typical masters degrees held by students upon entering the program? Due to the interdisciplinary nature of our doctoral program, our students hold Master's degrees from a number of different disciplines.

How do I know if this program is a good fit for me? To determine whether the doctoral degree in Educational Leadership Program is a good fit for you and your interests, it may help to begin by thinking about your career goals. Are you looking to advance your career within higher education settings, K-12 schools and systems, private firms, non-profits and government organizations? This program offers professionals an opportunity to effect change in an organization by sharpening their communication, assessment, inquiry and management skills.

For what types of positions will this degree in Educational Leadership Program prepare me? The doctoral degree program in Educational Leadership is designed to prepare graduates for a variety of system-level leadership responsibilities in organizations such as school systems, state departments of education, U.S. Department of Education, national policy organizations, national nonprofits or mission-based for-profits, and foundations/funders. EdD Educ Leadership graduates will be well positioned to assume roles such as chief academic officer, chief executive officer, chief of staff, superintendent (head, assistant, or area), commissioner, and executive director, advisor to the deputy secretary, program director, or program officer.

What is the difference between a Doctor of Education (Ed.D) and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Leadership? A Doctor of Education is a practice-based degree for working professionals, centered on the real-world application of leadership concepts and hands-on workplace research. Alternatively, a Doctor of Philosophy is a research-based degree for academics, focused on the study and development of leadership theories and independent, on-campus research.

What is the program length? The doctoral degree program contains less than three years of course work and one year of dissertation study. An additional six years of dissertation study is available. The maximum possible length of the program is ten years. Students can apply for leaves of absence in relation to professional, personal, or financial situations.

Can the program be completed within four years? Many students complete their dissertation in the fourth year after completing approximately three years of course work. However, a four-year completion depends on the nature of a student's research and an individual's personal and professional commitments during the dissertation phase. The current average completion time is 4.5 years.

How many students complete the program? The Doctorate graduation rate is approximately 75%, and the program goal is to increase this rate through additional activities that build capacity for success in the program. The national average for doctoral program completion is approximately 50%.

How are our students supported during the program? All of our students are assigned an initial advisor to support them during the three years of course work. Students will be expected to select an ongoing advisor (dissertation chair) once their research interests become more focused. After the three years of course work, our students select a dissertation chairperson and committee who guide the student through the dissertation process. We do not assign dissertation chairs and committees. Built into our coursework is information about how to select appropriate committee members. One of our final courses is solely dedicated to our students writing the first three chapters of the dissertation. Finally, periodic optional workshops are provided on the dissertation process, committee formation, selection of a dissertation topic, and instruction on the field's technical writing format.

Application Information

When can I apply? You are encouraged to apply now as a student at large, and once you are enrolled we are hoping to enroll a new cohort of approximately 15-20 students from the Fraternal Order of Police for this Winter 2022. The doctoral degree program in Educational Leadership admits students on a rolling basis. When the application is complete, the file is sent to the review committee, and if the applicant appears to have the capacity to complete the program, a program acceptance is offered. The application deadline is August 15 for Fall, which is why we are asking everyone to apply as a student at large. The deadline to apply for Winter is December 1.

What is the application process for the doctoral degree program? The application process starts by interested candidates completing an online application at go.depaul.edu/apply. In addition to your application, you must submit the following supplemental materials to the Office of Graduate Admissions: 1) Three letters of recommendation, at least two of which should be from faculty in the applicant's master's; 2) a personal statement (approximately three pages) in which the applicant discusses why he or she is interested in further study and articulates an issue or problem of interest or concern; 3) a writing sample, preferably a course paper from the applicant's master's program; alternately, applicants can write a short academic response to readings provided (upon request) by the doctoral program; 4) Resume or Curriculum vitae.

However the non-degree student at large application only requires:
A completed online application, all academic transcripts, and a personal statement.

Is the GRE required for applying to DePaul's Doctorate of Education program? No.

Are there any fees or payments required as part of the application process? No. Candidates wishing to join the cohort that is forming in the FOP will receive a waiver of the \$40 application fee. Additionally, DePaul does not require a tuition deposit for candidates seeking admission into our graduate programs. Enter in the Promo code: FEEWAIVER (valid for one time use only).

Do I need an academic letter of recommendation if I've been out of school for some time? **Not for the student at large application for Fall 2021.** However, you will need an academic letter for the doctoral degree application for Winter. Most professors keep records that help them decide whether they can write a letter on your behalf. If you cannot obtain an academic recommendation, we encourage you to include an addendum that addresses what steps you took and why you were unable to obtain the specified letter. Be sure to follow the recommendation guidelines at education.depaul.edu.

Do I need transcripts from every college I attended, even if transfer courses are shown on the transcripts from the college where I earned my undergraduate or graduate degree from? Yes. We review transcripts as part of the application review process.

How do I check the status of my application? After you submit your application, you will receive an email regarding a two-step process to gain access to Campus Connection (campusconnect.depaul.edu). DePaul's online portal, where you may check the status of your application. Additionally, each item sent to The Office of Graduate Admissions email account at edgradadmissions.depaul.edu is acknowledge in an email back to the sender.

How long does it take to receive a decision and how will I be notified? When all your materials have been submitted to The Office of Graduate Admission, you'll receive an admission decision immediately following the committee review, and you will be sent an email notification from edgradadmissions@depaul.edu with the subject line "DePaul University: Important Update to Your Application." Please add this email address to your safe list so that your notification does not go to your junk or spam folder.

Financial Information

What is the tuition rate for graduate students in the College of Education? The tuition charge per credit hour for the 2021-22 academic years is \$668. Therefore, the price for a four-quarter hour course before any scholarships is \$2620 plus fees. You can expect to pay \$129.00 for registration and athletic fees; however, your books will vary depending on the courses, instructors, etc.

How should I go about applying for financial aid? Completing your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is your first step in starting the Financial Aid process. You will receive information via email from the Office of Financial Aid once your FAFSA has been received and processed. The online application is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA can be completed as early as October 1 and is required by DePaul to receive almost all forms of financial aid. DePaul's six-digit Federal School Code is 0001671.

What do I need to complete the FAFSA? You will need a copy of your tax return if you filed taxes (and your spouse's tax return if married) in order to complete the application.

What Federal loans am I eligible to apply for? By filing your FAFSA, you may be able to borrow up to \$20,500 per academic year in federal direct unsubsidized loan. The unsubsidized loan is not based on financial need or credit history. Candidates will also be able to apply for the Federal Direct Grad Plus loan to supplement the unsubsidized loan. Students may borrow up to the estimated cost of attendance minus any other financial aid received.

What is the estimated cost of attendance? The cost of attendance for the academic school year 2021-22 is estimated at \$37,737 for graduate students enrolled in the College of Education.

Are there payment plans that I can take advantage of? DePaul provides multiple methods of payment to help fit the cost of graduate school into your budget. The DePaul Annual Payment Plan allows you to pay tuition and other expenses in monthly installments over a 12-, 11-, or 10-month period. There's annual fee of \$80 to participate in the DePaul Annual Payment Plan. The Employer Tuition Deferral Plan allows you to postpone payment until after grade reports are issued. A \$125 Fee covers (Fall, Winter, and Spring); however, students may apply by quarter with a fee of \$50 per quarter.