

# Executive Ed.D. in Educational Leadership



## Fact Sheet

***A Carnegie-influenced, executive doctoral program, preparing skilled, scholar practitioners to lead organizations in solving complex problems of practice***

### Program Highlights:

- Three-year program
- Three Leadership Concentrations:
  - PK-12 Schools
  - Community College
  - University
- Cohort model (average size = 18)
- Rigorous, integrated, scaffolded curriculum
- Signature pedagogies: problem-based learning, improvement science, and equity/social justice
- Hybrid course delivery model (one weekend per month and online work)
- Developmental inquiry strand, culminating in a disquisition (dissertation in practice) focused on a field-based problem
- Engagement of community leadership practitioners as partners in course delivery, research, and student disquisition committees
- Diverse, highly-qualified and experienced professors

### Course Requirements

- Total credits required to graduate: 53
  - 19 credits leadership courses
  - 16 credits inquiry/research courses
  - 9 credits of disquisition research credit
  - 9 credits of concentration electives
- 9 doctoral credits can be considered for transfer into the program

### Admissions Requirements

Note: Cohorts are limited in number, making this a competitive admissions process.

- Application letter stating leadership experience and goals
- Resume highlighting leadership experience
- Transcripts for all graduate work, GPA of 3.5 (preferred)

- Names and emails of three references who will be asked to complete an online recommendation (It is suggested that you submit 4 names)
- Interview and writing exercise for those meeting criteria at the highest levels
- **Submission application deadline to Grad School via Apply Yourself (admit 1 cohort/year-Summer): Feb. 15**

### Licensure

- Master's Level Principal License
- Doctorate Level Principal License
- Specialist Level Superintendent's License
- Doctoral Level Superintendent's License

**Tuition Information:** Check online at

<http://tuition.wcu.edu>

Additional fees may be assessed.

### Accreditations and Affiliations

- CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation)
- Authorized superintendent licensure program from NCDPI

### Biltmore Park in Asheville Information:

Directions to Biltmore Park -

<http://www.biltmorepark.com/area/directions>



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