# Educational Leadership (Ed.D.)

## Degree Requirements

**Doctor Of Education Program In Educational Leadership**

The Educational Leadership Executive Ed.D. program is an intensive 60 credit hour, three-year, cohort-based program designed for educators who wish to earn a terminal degree in educational leadership. Delivered in an executive format with on-line and blended courses, the Ed.D. program allows students to keep their current full-time jobs while also studying full-time.

The program is aligned with the recommendations of the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (http://cpedinitiative.org/) to redesign the Ed.D. to make it a stronger and more relevant degree for the advanced preparation of school practitioners and clinical faculty, academic leaders, and professional staff for the nation’s schools and colleges, and the learning organizations that support them. The program is intended to train an emerging generation of senior educational leaders with the knowledge and skills necessary to connect research, theory, and practice in leading high performing learning organizations to manage resources strategically, engage in evidence-based decision-making, promote continuous improvement, and encourage innovation.

The program includes courses in educational leadership, program assessment and evaluation, finance, ethics and legal issues, global education, and quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research. The dissertation process is structured and systematic, unfolding from the first course throughout the curriculum to make it possible to complete a dissertation study by the end of the program. The research courses in the curriculum are designed to build the expertise needed not only to complete the dissertation, but also to supervise, evaluate, and apply research to the management of complex educational organizations.

Because the program is explicitly designed to prepare educational leaders who can use research and theory to create change by solving a problem of practice, students complete a dissertation in practice.

The Doctor of Education degree has two concentrations. One area of focus is for K-12 practitioners, the other for aspiring Higher Education administrators. For information contact Dr. Ronald A. Styron, Jr., Department of Leadership and Teacher Education. The program accepts applications each March 15th for yearly cohorts starting the following May.

Upon admission, practicing K-12 administrators who hold an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership may request coursework from their Specialist degree be considered for transfer credit into the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program.

**Minimum Graduate Hours Required: 60**

A 3.5 program and institutional GPA is required at graduation. Courses over 10 years old cannot be used in the program.

**Common Core (21 Hours) (To be taken for Higher Ed and K-12 options.)**

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<td>EDL 695*</td>
<td>Mentoring Leadership</td>
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<td>IDE 615**</td>
<td>Assessment &amp; Evaluation for Leaders</td>
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<td>IDE 631*</td>
<td>Intro Qualitative/Mixed Methods Research</td>
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**Higher Ed Concentration (27 hours) (To be taken only for Higher Ed option.)**

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EDL 720  Global Education  3
HED 603  Current Problems in Higher Education  3
HED 611  Human Relations in Higher Ed  3
HED 621  Program and Curriculum Development  3
HED 631  Seminar in Higher Ed Management Skills  3
HED 701  Advanced Organizational Theory for Higher Ed  3
HED 702  Higher Ed Finance  3
HED 703  Advanced Leadership for Higher Ed  3
HED 732  Ethics and Law for Higher Ed  3

K-12 Concentration (27 hours) (To be taken only for K-12 option.)

EDL 603*  Current Problems & Issues in Ed Administration  3
EDL 611*  Human Relations Skills  3
EDL 621*  Seminar in Program & Curriculum  3
EDL 631*  Seminar in Ed Management Skills  3
EDL 701  Advanced Organizational Theory  3
EDL 702  School Finance  3
EDL 703  Advanced School Leadership  3
EDL 732  Ethics and Law for Ed Leadership  3
EDU/IDE 650*  Instructional Techniques  3

Dissertation Hours (12 hours minimum) (To be taken for Higher Ed and K-12 options.)

(If dissertation is not complete in 12 semester hours, student must register for 1 hr of EDL 799 each semester until dissertation is complete.)

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*Required courses for Ed.S. Instructional Leadership
**Ed.S. Instructional Leadership program requires IDE 615 OR 620. Both are required for the Ed.D.

Department Information

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<td>Chair</td>
<td>Dr. Susan Santoli</td>
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Professors
Baxter, Giles, Green, Kent, Santoli, Turks

Associate Professors
Campbell, Martin, Maulding-Green, Styron, Vitulli

Assistant Professors
Allison, Brannan, Delmas, Guffey, Johnson, Morton, Parrish, Reeves

Emeritus Professors
Cronis

Senior Instructor
Byrd, Simpson

Instructors
Holland, Szatkowski

Department of Leadership and Teacher Education web site http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/ceps/lte/

Undergraduate
The Department offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Education leading to Alabama Class B certification in the following areas: Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education. The department offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a major in Early Childhood Studies.

Graduate
The department offers the M.Ed. degree leading to Alabama Class A Certification in the following areas: Art Education, Instructional Leadership, Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Secondary Education, and Special Education. The department also offers the Instructional Specialist degree (Ed.S.) leading to Alabama Class AA Certification in the following areas: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Instructional Leadership, Reading Specialist, Secondary Education, Special Education and Teacher Leader. The department offers the Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership.