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Online Educational Leadership Doctoral Program

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Thank you for your interest in SFA's online educational leadership doctoral program. By emphasizing the educational leader as scholar-practitioner, the cohort design of the doctoral program enables students and faculty alike to engage in doctoral studies as we learn together, with the idea that we are all part of a learning community. We are excited to work with individuals who are interested in and committed to pursuing a doctorate in education leadership with a concentration in either K-12 or higher education.

To be considered for the next doctoral cohort, please complete the required application materials and return them to the appropriate office. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Admission to the doctoral program in Educational Leadership at SFA is a competitive process. To consider your application for admission to the program, we require the following by **March 1**:

1. completion and submission of your SFA Graduate School application at this site:
[ApplyTexas](#)
2. official transcripts of all your college/university credits
3. completion of a master's degree in education or a related field
4. application to the doctoral program (page 3)
5. current resume (include names, addresses (postal and email) and telephone numbers of four references)
6. introduction video focused on leadership experiences (3 minutes maximum; guidelines found on page 6 of this packet); and,
7. a leadership profile (see page 6 of this document for leadership profile guidelines).

Carefully review all application materials and forms to ensure you have completed each with all required information. Then submit them as indicated below.

Return your official transcript to:

The Graduate School
Stephen F. Austin State University
P.O. Box 13024
Nacogdoches, TX 75962-3024

Email your doctoral program application, reference list, current resume video and leadership profile to:

Dr. Stacy Hendricks, Acting Doctoral Program Coordinator
Stephen F. Austin State University
edd@sfasu.edu

Note: All materials inclusive of transcripts must be received PRIOR to being considered for the program. Direct any questions on the application process to the acting doctoral program coordinator, Dr. Stacy Hendricks, at (936) 468-2549 or edd@sfasu.edu. Again, thank you for your interest, and we look forward to working with you.



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

ONLINE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Department of Human Services and Educational Leadership
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- *In addition to meeting requirements for admittance to SFA's Graduate School, candidates must have:*
 - *Official transcripts, associated fees and completed SFA's Graduate School application*
 - *3.5 (4.0 scale) GPA for all completed graduate coursework*
 - *Completion of a master's degree from an accredited college our university*
 - *Program application and associated material (resume, reference list, video, leadership profile, etc.)*
 - *leadership experience*
- *Admission occurs annually with a new cohort beginning each summer.*
- *Application deadline is March 1st.*
- *Incomplete program applications will not be considered. This is a competitive process.*

Name _____
Last First Middle

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number: _____

Leadership Concentration (select one): K-12 Higher Education

Do you have a valid Texas Principal certificate: Yes No

Do you have a valid Texas Superintendent certificate: Yes No

Application for Research Assistantship

A limited number of research assistantships are available. Each assistantship offers a stipend of \$20,000 per year and is renewable for up to a total of three years. The assistantship is a 12-month contract subject to SFA policy. Each assistantship recipient will be obligated to work twenty (20) hours per week and will, therefore, need to be a full-time (Monday-Friday) doctoral student. The student appointment would be made after the student has been accepted into the doctoral program. If you are interested in being considered for a research assistantship, please indicate below.

- Yes, I am interested in being considered for a research assistantship.
 No, I am not interested in being considered for a research assistantship.

Signature

Date

Educational Leadership Doctoral Program

The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) with an emphasis in educational leadership is a terminal degree offered in the James I. Perkins College of Education. The degree program provides advanced preparation in educational leadership with a specific focus on the leader as a scholar-practitioner in the area of K-12 or higher education. It is designed as an online, cohort program to prepare leader-practitioners in advanced leadership.

Admission Requirements

Obtain the required application forms from the acting doctoral program coordinator and SFA's Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

Applicants must possess:

- a master's degree in education or a related field from an accredited college or university
- a 3.5 (4.0 scale) GPA for all completed graduate coursework
- and leadership experience.

Applicants must submit:

- an application online at https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX?s_logon_msg=Y (includes an application fee of \$50 to SFA Graduate School)
- application form (page 3) electronically to the acting doctoral program coordinator at edd@sfasu.edu
- a current resume (including the four reference names as stated in this packet)
- a video focused on leadership experiences (3 minute maximum; see page 6 for guidelines); and,
- a leadership profile (see leadership profile guidelines on page 6).

Note: An applicant from a foreign country must meet the same requirements for admission as a student from the United States. If any applicant's primary language is not English, the applicant must present satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Application Steps

1. Applicant completes and submits all materials by deadline. All program materials should be submitted to edd@sfasu.edu
2. Educational leadership faculty members review all materials.
3. Educational leadership faculty members assess and select cohort participants.
4. Applicant accepts invitation, enters the degree program, participates in an online orientation and begins coursework during the summer term.

Program Structure

Cohort Design

The cohort design of the degree program precludes self-selection into any required course related to the program of study. All students admitted to the degree program are members of a cohort for the academic year of their admission and must complete all coursework as members of that cohort. If you need to withdraw from the cohort program and seek reentry later, you must submit a letter of request to the educational leadership doctoral program coordinator for review and consideration by educational leadership faculty members in order to continue in the degree program. If approved to return, you will be asked to reapply through the graduate school.

Courses

This program is offered 100% online. Occasionally, faculty members will request zoom meetings but students will know the date and time at the beginning of the semester. It is the responsibility of the student to keep up with the readings and assignments each week.

Traditionally, each cohort begins in SFA's Summer session. The summer courses are generally 10-12 week courses while the fall and spring courses are 16 weeks including finals. During the fall and spring semesters of the first two years, students fulfill the SFA residency requirement.

Students in this program must take at least 60 semester hours of graduate coursework (including dissertation) and demonstrate their successful completion of this coursework as scholar-practitioner leaders. Successful completion is determined jointly by the students and educational leadership faculty members. During the last semester of coursework prior to dissertation hours, students are expected to take written comprehensive examinations. Afterwards, students will be admitted to candidacy and may begin their dissertation work.

Each student must present a dissertation that demonstrates the successful design, development, implementation, completion and defense of an approved research study in educational leadership or a related area of educational study. The scope and breadth of the program emphasize the educational leader. Of the 60 semester hours, nine are required dissertation hours and 18 hours are in the concentration of K-12 leadership or higher education leadership. By university policy, once a student begins dissertation hours, the student must be continuously enrolled in dissertation hours until the student graduates.

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VIDEO

A video must accompany your application. This video should be no more than 3 minutes. In the video, you will need to introduce yourself and discuss your professional experiences specifically related to leadership experiences/opportunities you may have had, also specifying those that you currently have.

LEADERSHIP PROFILE

Your leadership profile should accompany your application to the educational leadership doctoral program. It consists of four sections: 1) a retrospective of your leadership experiences over time and across some specific areas (very important); 2) a brief, autobiographical sketch that speaks to your life and informs readers of your personal and professional background or history; 3) a statement/summary of professional goals; and 4) a review of your professional growth and development activities over the past three to five years. The review may include information on your formal education at the graduate and undergraduate levels, staff or professional development, technical training, professional presentations and so on.

Be sure to select a presentation format for your leadership profile that best suits your style of writing and communication. The profile should convey a personal and professional history that enables SFA doctoral faculty members to know the person who is applying to the doctoral program. We do not require a specific format or structure, but we do ask that you type your profile, use a double-space format and refrain from exceeding 12 pages. Be specific and the faculty will be looking for details in areas such as leadership, goals (personal and professional), and growth.