

Doctorate in Education Educational Leadership

2025 Admission Cycle
Program Information for:
Traditional Three-Year Pathway



Program-at-a-Glance

- Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.), Educational Leadership emphasis
- Requires 60 units
 - A 9-to-10 semester program
- Tuition is currently \$7,595 per semester
 - Student loans are typical form of financial aid utilized
 - Other options can be pursued through SDSU Financial Aid once you have applied to program
- Courses begin mid-May, and typically meet once a week (e.g., Tuesdays), from 4:30-8:00 PM, with the occasional Saturday seminar; other arrangements occasionally happen

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What Your Journey Might Look Like

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EXAMPLE Course Sequence (9 Semesters)

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ED 815 Re-Thinking Leadership	3	Summer 2023—1
ED 830 Leadership for Learning	3	Summer 2023—1
EDL 890: Foundations of PK-12 Research & Evaluation I	3	Fall 2023—2
ED 895 Seminar in Research & Writing	3	Fall 2023—2
EDL 891 Foundations of PK-12 Research & Evaluation II	3	Spring 2024—3
EDL 880 Seminar in Advanced Topics in Ed. Leadership	3	Spring 2024—3

Year Two

<i>Course</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Semester</i>
EDL 892 Application of PK-12 Research & Evaluation	3	Summer 2024—4
ED 836 Seminar in Research Support & Writing Support	3	Summer 2024—4
ED 836 Seminar in Research Support & Writing Support	3	Fall 2024—5
EDL 707 Education Law & Finance	3	Fall 2024—5

Qualifying Exam/Dissertation Proposal

EDL 755 Governance & Policy in PK-12 Learning Organizations	3	Spring 2024—3
EDL 720 Human Resource Development in PreK-12 Educational Organizations	3	Spring 2025—6

Year Three

<i>Course</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Semester</i>
EDL 760 Internship in PreK-12 Educational Organizations	3	Summer 2025—7
ED 855 Seminar in Ed. Leadership for Developing Educational Systems	3	Summer 2025—7
ED 899 Doctoral Dissertation	6	Fall 2025—8
ED 860 Seminar in Leadership & Educational Change	3	Fall 2025—8
ED 899 Doctoral Dissertation	6	Spring 2026—9
ED 840 Seminar in Ed. Leadership in a Diverse Society	3	Spring 2026—9

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Year 1: Methods classes coupled with classes focused on dissertation chapter development

Typically, courses meet for 3-4 hours every 2 weeks (varies by course content and instructor), resulting in one class meeting per week across all coursework in a given semester

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Your finish is predicated on hitting each dissertation milestone; know that dissertation progress varies ... quality, not timeline, drives forward progress—every student is unique

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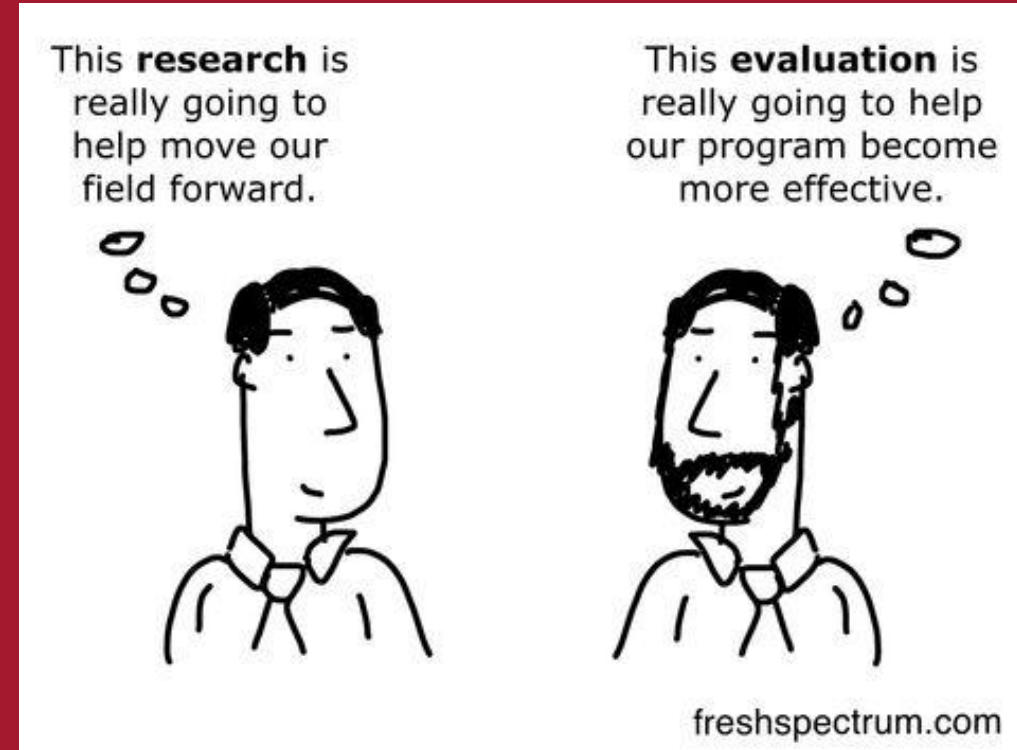
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Forms Your Dissertation Might Take

- Traditional Research Study: Investigates some hypothesis or phenomenon.
- Program Evaluation: Conducts an evaluation of a program or product, typically to determine efficacy and improve use.

Available, but not advised on reduced timeline

- Three Article with Reflection: Author three articles submitted for publication, along with a reflection tying the three articles together.
- Book: Author a book for publication.
- Problem of Practice: Closely investigate a problem of practice, collecting data and making recommendations for resolution.



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Additional Information & Application

<https://education2.sdsu.edu/edl/programs-of-study/dr-edd-edl-pk-12>

Application

- Deadline: February 1, 2025
- Two apps:
 - CSU Application
 - Department Application
- Requires transcripts from all universities attended, unless already on file with SDSU (including Master's degree)
- GRE is no longer required

The screenshot displays the SDSU College of Education website. The header includes the SDSU logo, "San Diego State University", "COLLEGE OF EDUCATION", and "EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The navigation menu includes links for "ABOUT", "PROGRAMS OF STUDY", "ADMISSIONS", "OUR FACULTY", "RESEARCH & PROJECTS", and "CONTACT US". The breadcrumb trail reads: "College of Education" / "EDL" / "Program of Study" / "Ed.D. EDL PK-12".

The main content area is titled "Ed.D. EDL PK-12" and includes a sidebar with links to "Program Overview", "Course Sequence & Learning Objectives", "How to Apply", and "Ed.D. Program (PK-12) FAQ". The "Ed.D. Program (PK-12) Frequently Asked Questions" section is highlighted in red.

Application Questions

- + Where do I apply?
- + Who should write a letter of recommendation?
- + Do I have to take the GRE?
- + What is the minimum GPA?
- + What are some examples of writing that can be used for the professional writing sample?
- + Am I required to complete all sections of CSU Apply—even listing every job I have had in the experience section?

Financial Matters Questions

- + How much does the program cost?
- + How do I find out about financial aid?
- + Do you have scholarships?
- + Are graduate assistantships available?

Program Questions

- + Where do classes meet?
- + How often do classes meet?
- + How many students are in a typical cohort and class?
- + Will my classes be predetermined or will I have a choice?



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