

Minnesota State University Moorhead
Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership

Credit for Prior Learning Opportunity for
Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship Participants

Advance Your Leadership. Earn Doctoral Credit for Fellowship Learning.

Participants in the Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship (MNEPF) program can leverage their fellowship experience toward doctoral study at MSU Moorhead. Through Credit for Prior Learning (CPL), fellowship completers may be granted credit in the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership program.

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

Fellowship completers who provide appropriate documentation will be granted:

- ED 727: Educational Law and Policy (3 credits, required doctoral core course)

CPL charges \$100 per credit — a significant reduction compared to doctoral tuition.

Additional Elective Credit Opportunities

In addition to the CPL credit for ED 727, fellowship participants may choose optional elective opportunities to apply their fellowship learning toward the Ed.D. program's 12-credit post-master's elective requirement:

- **ED 794: Practicum in Educational Leadership – Teacher Leadership (1–6 credits)**
Fellows may apply their policy projects and field experiences toward practicum elective credit focused on teacher leadership.
- **ED 794: Practicum in Educational Leadership – General Leadership (1–6 credits)**
Fellows may use their fellowship experiences to earn practicum elective credit in a broader leadership context.
- **ED 690: Special Topics in Education – Policy (3 credits)**
Fellows may take this option to show their depth of knowledge of federal and/or state policy in education.

Together, these options may be combined to fulfill the full 12-credit post-master's elective requirement in the Ed.D. program. These opportunities provide flexible pathways for fellowship participants to connect their experiential learning directly to doctoral program requirements.

Next Steps

If you are a Minnesota Education Policy Fellowship participant interested in applying your fellowship toward doctoral study, please contact:

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