

ED.D. LEADERSHIP IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Overview

The Doctor of Education degree program is for applicants who wish to complete a course of study leading to a doctorate in higher education leadership. The degree program includes less than three years of coursework, participation in HyFlex residencies, a completed dissertation, and the completion of 61 semester credits.

Program Outcomes

- Students will analyze higher educational systems from a historical, cultural, and/or philosophical context.
- Students will practice reflection and sustained personal formation.
- Students will apply strategic and collaborative thinking to issues and problems.
- Students will demonstrate leadership in areas of diversity, inclusion, and equity.
- Students will demonstrate strong academic writing and research abilities.
- Students will integrate faith/values and ethics in their leadership of educational institutions.

Program Design

- Courses delivered online using best practices in internet technology, instructional design, and adult learning.
- Residencies offered HyFlex (students choose online or on the Bethel University campus) three times during the program focused on professional growth, collaboration, and coursework.
- Individual learning plan developed for each student based on previous educational training, credentials, and experience.

Admission Requirements

The Ed.D. degree in Higher Education will consider applicants who:

- Meet the general requirements (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/graduate/admission/admission-requirements/>) for admission to the Graduate School.
- Submit an official transcript (U.S. schools) or NACES or AICE evaluation (international schools) showing an earned master's or higher degree from an institutionally accredited (or internationally recognized as equivalent) institution and official transcripts or NACES or AICE evaluations from all graduate and post-graduate coursework.
- Have earned a graduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Submit a current resume or curriculum vitae.
- Submit two professional *Admission References*.
- Submit a written *Statement of Purpose*.
- Interview with the program director upon invitation.

Students who have not achieved the minimum GPA, grade standards, or other assessment criteria may still apply to be considered for provisional acceptance. See *Admission Categories*.

Degree Requirements

Ed.D. Leadership in Higher Education

The required curriculum for the Doctor of Education degree in Leadership in Higher Education comprises a 61 credit sequence of courses.

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC 801	Historical, Cultural, and Philosophical Issues Impacting Higher Education	4
EDUC 807	Organizational Leadership in Higher Education	4
EDUC 812	Curriculum Design and Instructional Management in Higher Education	4
EDUC 820	Doctoral Research I	4
EDUC 827	Leading in a Complex and Pluralistic Society	4
EDUC 832	Leadership of Academic & Support Systems	4
EDUC 837	Institutional Assessment in Higher Education	2
EDUC 842	Strategic Leadership in Higher Education	2
EDUC 845	Doctoral Research II	4
EDUC 850	Doctoral Research III	4
EDUC 858	Re-Imagining Higher Education	2
EDUC 862	Legal Issues in Higher Education	4
EDUC 867	Budgeting and Fiscal Management in Higher Education	4
EDUC 870	Doctoral Research IV	4
EDUC 881	Comprehensive Exam *	1
EDUC 885	Individualized Project in Higher Education	2-4
or EDUC 846	Academic Writing for Graduate Students	
EDUC 893	Dissertation Phase I *	4
EDUC 894	Dissertation Phase II *	3
EDUC 895	Dissertation Phase III *	1
Total Credits		61

* Course must be taken for credit at Bethel.

Note: If a student receives a D, F, or U in a doctoral-level course due to lack of demonstrated proficiency in academic writing, the student is required to take EDUC 846 Academic Writing for Graduate Students within the subsequent academic year in order to continue as an active student in the program.

Courses from the Ed.D Leadership in K-12 Administration (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/graduate/academic-programs-disciplines/education/leadership-k-12-administration-edd/#degreerequirements>) major may fulfill degree requirements with Program Director permission.