Doctor of Education in
Educational Leadership

TRIDENT'S DOCTORATE

Designed for Practitioners · Applied Research Skills

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Welcome to Trident's Doctorate Program

Trident's Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (Ed.D. EL) is intended for education professionals, in both traditional and non-traditional settings, who aspire to lead complex learning organizations. It offers curriculum designed to encourage innovative and thoughtful leaders with the know-how and desire to transform educational communities. Learning in an all-online environment, students engage with faculty members on significant issues of policy and practice and benefit from opportunities to interact with peers from a wide variety of professional backgrounds. Students work to develop the leadership skills necessary to drive change in diverse organizations. The program culminates in the completion of a practitioner-oriented doctoral study, which allows students to address a current problem of practice, and use data to respond to relevant and emerging problems within educational settings.

Heidi Linn Smith, Ed.D.
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Why Trident?

1. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org)

2. 100% online 52-credit program with no in-person class requirements

3. Up to 28 transfer credits required, subject to Director approval *(Transfer credit is evaluated on an individual basis. Not all credits are eligible to transfer. See the University Catalog for transfer credit policies.)*

4. Affordable and Flexible

5. Faculty with a doctoral degree and extensive research, professional practice and teaching experience

6. Access to most required academic resources at no extra cost through our virtual library.(Students purchase data analysis software as listed under cost of attendance.)

7. Embracing real-world learning with the EdActive™ Learning Approach

8. Three Ed.D. concentrations

9. Culminates in a Doctoral Study that addresses a problem of practice

The Trident Difference

EdActive™ Learning Approach
- Creative learning
- Problem solving
- Experimental learning
- Designed to enhance ability to think, learn, and solve problems.

How EdActive™ learning works
1. Students are presented with a question or issue.
2. They do the research.
3. They apply their own experience.
4. They present their solution.
5. Students receive feedback and suggestions.
6. They apply the learning to their next task.

Flexibility
- Manage your own time to deliver on deadlines
- No daily micro-management
- Faculty is responsive to student needs
- Milestones keep you on track

Affordability
- Accelerated programs
- Low tuition, no extra cost for most course materials
- Scholarships and grants available for those who qualify

With flexible, 100% online classes you can attend at any time, the power to earn a degree is in your hands.

Trident is part of the AIU System, which is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

The 12-week sessions are available to doctoral students with four doctoral start dates.

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership
Concentration: Higher Education Leadership

The Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership with a Higher Education concentration is intended for students currently holding leadership positions or aspiring to obtain a leadership position in a postsecondary education setting as academic program administrators, campus administrators, and student affairs or student services professionals.

Education Leadership Concentration Courses
Designed to cover topics within the concentration. Two concentration courses are required, and one is selected by the student.

EDD 640 - Current Issues in Higher Education
EDD 641 - Higher Education Administration

Concentration Elective Courses
Student selects one course from the following options:

EDD 642 - Student Development Theory
EDD 643 - Management of Change in Higher Education
EDD 644 - Curriculum in Higher Education

Core and Applied Research Courses
Program Core Courses

Designed to expand student knowledge of leadership practices. Four core courses are required:

EDD 602 - Leadership Theory and Practice
EDD 611 - Strategic Planning and Finance for Educational Leaders
EDD 613 - Evidence-Based Decisions and Accountability
EDD 633 - Law and Policy in Education

Program Research Courses

Designed to help students prepare for the Doctoral Study Phase. Three research courses are required:
EDD 605 - Applied Research
EDD 607 - Advanced Applied Research
EDD 614 - Research in Education Leadership

The Doctoral Study Phase

The Applied Research courses, EDD 605, EDD 607, and EDD 614, are designed to support you through the initial steps of the development of your study. The doctoral study courses, EDD 681, EDD 691, and EDD 701, are completed under the direction of your doctoral study chair. **The average time to completion is 3 years.**

EDD 681 - Doctoral Study I
EDD 691 - Doctoral Study II
EDD 701 - Doctoral Study III

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership
Concentration: Instructional Design

The Doctoral of Education in Educational Leadership with an Instructional Design in Education concentration is a practitioner-oriented program intended for students currently holding leadership positions or aspiring to obtain a leadership position in a military or civilian training program as an instructional systems specialist or instructional designer.

Instructional Design Concentration Courses
Designed to cover topics within the concentration. Two concentration courses are required, and one is selected by the student.

EDD 650 - Advancing Learning Theory
EDD 651 - Advanced Instructional Design

Concentration Elective Courses
Student selects one course from the following options:

EDD 652 - Instructional Technology in Education
EDD 653 - Instructional Design Practicum

Core and Applied Research Courses
Program Core Courses

Designed to expand student knowledge of leadership practices. Four core courses are required:

EDD 602 - Leadership Theory and Practice
EDD 611 - Strategic Planning and Finance for Educational Leaders
EDD 613 - Evidence-Based Decisions and Accountability
EDD 633 - Law and Policy in Education

Program Research Courses

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EDD 701 - Doctoral Study III

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership
Concentration: PK-12 Leadership

The Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership with a PK-12 leadership concentration is intended for students currently holding leadership positions or aspiring to obtain a leadership position in elementary and secondary education settings as educator-leaders, principals, vice principals, superintendents, and other administrative leaders.

PK-12 Leadership Concentration Core Courses
Designed to cover topics within the concentration. Two concentration courses are required, and one is selected by the student.

EDD 631 - School Reform
EDD 634 - Current Issues in PK-12 Education

Concentration Elective Courses
Student selects one course from the following options:

EDD 606 - Management of Change in Education
EDD 630 - Principles of Instructional Leadership
EDD 636 - Dimensions of Teacher Leadership

Core and Applied Research Courses
Program Core Courses

Designed to expand student knowledge of leadership practices. Four core courses are required:

EDD 602 - Leadership Theory and Practice
EDD 611 - Strategic Planning and Finance for Educational Leaders
EDD 613 - Evidence-Based Decisions and Accountability
EDD 633 - Law and Policy in Education

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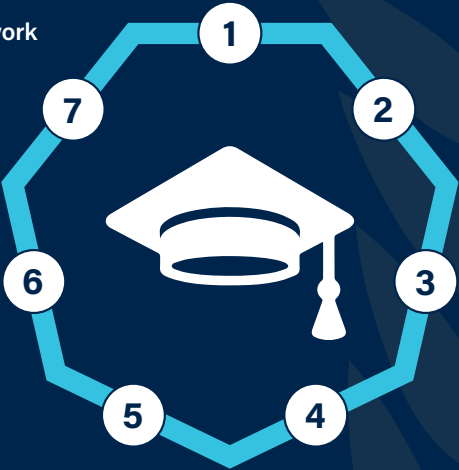
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Ed.D. Program Milestones

There are several milestones in the development of your doctoral study. Here is a brief overview of milestones. For complete details refer to the Ed.D. Program Handbook.

1 Complete Core, Research, and Concentration Coursework

2 Draft a Doctoral Study Proposal

3 Doctoral Study Committee Selection

4 Select Doctoral Study Committee Members

5 Obtain IRB Approval

6 Complete Data Collection and Data Analysis

7 Defend the Doctoral Study Project

"When you don't understand something, they take the time to make sure you have what you need. They provide several examples. There are various manuals, resources online , YouTube videos through the portal too..."

- Dr. Laura Moore - Doctor of Education

Doctoral Resource Links

As a community-focused and student-oriented institution, we make every effort to make resources available that will promote student success and assistance. Be sure to view our wide range of student services to decide which will assist you in your academic endeavors.

Individual Doctoral Study Project Page

Provides a repository for documents related to IRB and doctoral study manuscript. Facilitates communication between the chair and student.

800 Dissertation Tasks Course

Provides a single place to submit, track, and gain approval for completed tasks.

Webinars

These innovative webinar series are designed to provide continuing education, skills-building techniques, and professional development.

Culture of Research and Education (C.O.R.E.) | **Career Center**

Student Gateway

The Student Gateway provides links to the most-used resources for prospective doctoral students.

MyTLC Portal | **Catalog** | **Ed.D. Handbook**

Doctoral Articles

- Trident Health Sciences Professor Receives Teaching Excellence Award

- Trident Ph.D. in Education Alumnus Publishes Academic Papers

- Trident Doctor of Business Administration Professor Selected as SME for Conference in Dubai

- Trident's DBA Program Adds Experienced Management Professional and Researcher

- Considering the 4 C's: The Top 4 Reasons to Choose an Online Doctoral Program

- Advanced Degrees and Adult Life: How to Pursue a Doctoral Degree with a Career, with Kids, or During Deployment

- Accredited Online Doctoral Programs: Reputable and Feasible

- Ten Reasons Now is the Perfect Time to Earn Your Ed.D. or Ph.D. in Education Online

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