



## Application Process

### How do I apply?

- All application materials are submitted online to the Graduate School Admissions application portal: <https://gradadmissions.charlotte.edu/apply>

### What are the admissions requirements?

- <https://edld.charlotte.edu/programs/med-educational-leadership-higher-education/>

### What is the priority application deadline?

- **The priority deadline is January 15**, and the secondary deadline is March 1. Completed applications should be submitted by the priority deadline for best consideration. Applications reviewed for the secondary deadline are given consideration to the extent that there is capacity.

### Are test scores required?

- The Ed.D. program does not require a standardized test score.

### Will you review my application if it is turned in late?

- The highest priority for admission and funding is given to those applicants who complete an application by the priority admission deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications are reviewed based on space availability.

## Tuition and Fees

### How much are tuition and fees?

- <https://ninercentral.charlotte.edu/billing-payments-refunds/tuition-and-fees>

### How can I find funding?

- <https://graduateschool.charlotte.edu/funding/funding-graduate-education>

## Admissions

### When are students admitted to the program?

- We admit students once per year for the fall semester.

### How many students are admitted into the program?

- The number of admitted students varies each year based on faculty capacity.
- Estimated admission projections include:
  - The Higher Education concentration admits five to seven students annually.
  - The Learning, Design and Technology concentration admits three to four students annually.



- The PK-12 Superintendency concentration admits eight to ten students annually.

### **Can I work full-time and be a student?**

- Yes, but you have to determine what is best for your personal and professional commitments. Our classes are offered in the evening from 5:30 PM to 8:15 PM during the spring and fall semesters. The majority of our students work full-time and take classes part-time (two classes each fall and spring). Summer courses, when available, can also help students stay on track to graduate in a timely manner.

### **What do you look for in an applicant?**

- A successful applicant will meet the specific requirements and often exceed those minimums. There is a clear alignment between the academic and career interests with those of the selected program.

### **Can I “try out” some classes?**

- Graduate education can be a long-term commitment. Prospective applicants may want to enroll or “try-out” a concentration course to determine if this program meets their needs. The Graduate School requires a post-baccalaureate non-degree seeking application to enroll in classes that may have availability. Consult with the course instructor for a permit to register. Enrollment in a post-baccalaureate course does not guarantee or indicate doctoral admission.

## **Graduate Assistantships**

### **What is the process for applying to Graduate Assistantships?**

- Admission to a degree program is a separate process independent of your application to graduate assistantships or any other work opportunities.
- Admitted students can sign up and search for assistantships and funding through:
  - Niner Scholars – [ninerscholars.charlotte.edu](http://ninerscholars.charlotte.edu)
  - Hire-A-Niner – [hireaniner.charlotte.edu](http://hireaniner.charlotte.edu)
- Graduate assistant hiring processes are highly competitive. Apply for all positions for which you are eligible.

## **Course Delivery**

### **What days and times are classes offered?**

- Most classes are offered from 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. during the spring and fall semesters. Classes are offered Monday through Thursday. We don't have classes on Friday or the weekend.



## **Enrollment**

### **How long will it take me to complete the degree?**

- The Ed.D. program is 48-credit hours. Time to degree completion depends upon enrollment patterns, but most students in the Ed.D. can anticipate graduating in four years.

### **How many classes do full-time students take?**

- Full-time enrollment requires three courses each fall and spring semester, while part-time enrollment requires two courses each semester.

### **Can I be dually enrolled?**

- There are options for enrolling in multiple programs, such as a doctoral degree and a certificate or a master's degree and a certificate. A Graduate School application is required for each program and one admission does not guarantee admission into the second program.

### **Can I transfer course credits?**

- Most programs will accept up to 6 credit hours for transfer. Transfer credits are considered after they are reviewed with an official transcript and syllabus.

### **What is the capstone?**

- The Ed.D. program requires an applied dissertation that addresses a problem of practice. Prospective applicants should consider how their potential research interests align with those of current faculty.

### **What type of career can I secure with this degree?**

- Many career options are available with a doctoral degree; however, it depends on your trajectory and understanding of the requirements for the desired position. Many graduates secure positions as directors, deans, faculty, research associates, program managers, and student affairs leaders. You may want to seek career counseling through the University Career Center if you are uncertain about your career pathway.

## **Contact Information for More Information**

### **Can I meet with you to discuss my qualifications?**

- We are always glad to meet with you! However, we cannot claim a guarantee of admission or preview any application materials. We offer information sessions related to programmatic requirements, and content is readily available online. An admissions committee reviews only completed applications from the Graduate School.



**When are the information sessions scheduled?**

- Information sessions are scheduled each semester. Check the schedule and RSVP for the next event, <https://edld.charlotte.edu/edd-information-sessions/>

**Who do I contact with questions about my application?**

- Email [gradcounselor@uncc.edu](mailto:gradcounselor@uncc.edu) if you cannot find answers to your questions related to the application.

**Who do I contact if I have a question not answered on the website?**

- Dr. Cathy D. Howell:
  - General Ed.D. program inquiry: [edld-edd@uncc.edu](mailto:edld-edd@uncc.edu)
  - M.Ed. & Higher Education concentration: [higher-ed@uncc.edu](mailto:higher-ed@uncc.edu)
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