

# ED.D. IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

#### What is the application deadline?

- **January 15 (priority) and March 1 (secondary)**
- We admit students once per year for the fall semester.
- 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 capacity allows.

#### What are the admissions requirements?

- <https://edld.charlotte.edu/admissions/>
- Graduate School requirements include (1) Bachelor's degree or its U.S. equivalent, (2) GPA 3.0 in the bachelor's degree program and a 3.5 in the master's degree program, (3) a statement of purpose (essay), (4) three recommendations, (5) unofficial transcripts of all academic work, and (6) TOEFL or IELTS for non-native English language holders.

#### Are test scores required?

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

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

- The number of admitted students varies annually and is limited by the number of faculty members available to provide doctoral advising. Each concentration typically admits 5-7 students per year.

#### What do you look for in a successful 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.

### TUITION, FEES, AND FUNDING

#### What is the cost of graduate education at UNC Charlotte?

- Current tuition and fees may be found on the [Niner Central](https://ninercentral.charlotte.edu/billing-payments-refunds/tuition-and-fees) website.
- <https://ninercentral.charlotte.edu/billing-payments-refunds/tuition-and-fees>
- Higher Education Concentration - Main Campus billing
- Learning, Design and Technology - Distance Education billing

#### How can I find funding?

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

#### 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](https://ninerscholars.charlotte.edu)
  - Hire-A-Niner – [hireaniner.charlotte.edu](https://hireaniner.charlotte.edu)
- Graduate assistant hiring processes are highly competitive. Apply for all positions for which you are eligible.

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## 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 are required for full- or part-time enrollment?

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

### When are classes offered?

- 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.

### Can I transfer course credits?

- The program accepts up to two courses (6 credit hours) as transfer credit from a regionally accredited doctoral-granting institution. Transfer credit must be approved by the Graduate Program Director with approval from the Graduate School. All other Graduate School policies regarding transfer credit apply. All dissertation work must be completed at UNC Charlotte.

### 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.

### Are there opportunities to work on research?

- Our faculty have active research agendas and welcome students to engage in studies.

## CAREER OPTIONS

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


- Graduates of our program assume mid-level and senior-level leadership positions in P-12 public and private schools, colleges and universities, and government settings.
- Many graduates secure positions as principals, curriculum designers, directors, deans, faculty, research associates, program managers, and student affairs leaders. You may want to consider seeking career counseling if you are uncertain about your career path and if a doctorate is necessary for your desired field.

## INFORMATION SESSIONS

### How can I learn more about the program?

- Department of Educational Leadership: <https://edld.charlotte.edu/>
- We offer information sessions related to programmatic requirements, and content is readily available online.
- Check the schedule and RSVP for the next event, <https://edld.charlotte.edu/edd-information-sessions/>

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