NC State’s Ed.D. in Educational Leadership program is tied for #14 in U.S. News & World Report’s rankings of 393 graduate programs in the U.S. and ranked #1 in North Carolina! The program is designed to prepare systems-level leaders to improve the quality of K-12 schools by preparing the next generation of superintendents dedicated to educational excellence and equity. Graduates are empowered with leadership strategies that improve student performance in environments that are dynamic, interactive, and culturally diverse.

**Program Description**

The Ed.D. in Educational Leadership leads to district/superintendent licensure and requires core courses in educational leadership, research methods (9 hours), an internship (6 hours), and a dissertation (12 hours). Students must be officially admitted to the Ed.D. program to enroll in doctoral classes. Please be aware that a Ph.D. in Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis is also offered, but only the Ed.D. leads to superintendent licensure.

**Course of Study**

The program requires a minimum of 54 credit hours beyond the master’s degree. Students complete 27 hours of core and elective courses, 9 credit hours of research methods, a two semester internship (6 hours), and 12 hours of dissertation research.

**More Information**

Educational Leadership Program Website ([https://ced.ncsu.edu/programs/doctoral-educational-leadership/](https://ced.ncsu.edu/programs/doctoral-educational-leadership/))

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must hold a North Carolina Principal’s license or be eligible to receive one; transcripts; three letters of reference (at least one must be from your current supervisor); resume (including teaching assignments, leadership experiences, and trainings); personal statement of interest and fit with career goals; and official score report from either the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Test should have been taken within the last five years.

**Applicant Information**

- **Delivery Method:** On-Campus
- **Entrance Exam:** None
- **Interview Required:** None

**Application Deadlines**

- **Summer 1:** December 15 (absolute deadline is January 5)

**Degrees**

- Educational Leadership (EdD) ([http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/education/educational-leadership/educational-leadership-edd/](http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/education/educational-leadership/educational-leadership-edd/))

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