

Doctor of Education, ED.D.

Degree Type

Doctorate

The Ed.D. Program at the College of Saint Mary fosters academic excellence and leadership in a high quality educational environment. This degree will qualify a student to teach and lead in higher education, the health professions or in a business/corporation. Students can seek positions such as curriculum/program director, department chair, professional development director, or training/development in a business or corporate setting. The Ed.D. program emphasizes educational theories and concepts, leadership, research, and scholarly work to prepare leaders in their educational arena.

Program Description:

Curricular Overview of the Doctor of Education Program

Master's Degree

(36 hours maximum); eligibility for transfer of master's credits will be determined by the Program Director.

Cognates

(7 hours minimum)

Item #	Title	Credits
EDL 823	Leadership in Educational Organizations	3
EDL 879	Educational Leadership Practicum	3
EDL 824	Ethics in Educational Leadership	1

Research Tools

(16 hours)

Students must demonstrate expertise in both qualitative and quantitative research methods. Students should have multiple experiences in designing, conducting, interpreting, and communicating research. Research tools should also include educational measurements and evaluation, computer-assisted analysis, and research methodologies.

Item #	Title	Credits
EDL 842	Advanced Statistics	3
EDL 866	Qualitative Research	3
EDL 864	Quantitative Research Methods	3
EDL 959	Research Proposal I: Generating a Research Proposal	4
EDL 969	Research Proposal II: Data Collection and Analysis	3

Major Study

(18 hours minimum)

Item #	Title	Credits
EDL 811	Doctoral Seminar I: Introduction to Doctoral Education	2
EDL 812	Doctoral Seminar II: Critical and Analytical Thinking Skills for Educational Leaders	1
EDL 813	Doctoral Seminar III: Pathway to Educational Leadership	1
EDL 845	Teaching and Learning Theories	2
EDL 821	Curriculum, Assessment, and Quality Improvement	3
EDL 855	Teaching and Learning Concepts	3
EDL 856	Adult Learning Theory	3
EDL 869	Dissertation Readings	3

Dissertation

(10 hours minimum)

Item #	Title	Credits
	Dissertation (10 hours minimum)	10

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 87 credits is needed to complete the degree.

Comprehensive Examination- When the coursework has been substantially finished and before the research proposal classes, a comprehensive evaluation must be passed. The Doctoral Committee will supervise this requirement.

Dissertation - The dissertation is a major research project under the direction of a committee of graduate faculty. The expectation for a dissertation is to further develop an interest derived from the cognates or major studies. Students will be expected to defend the dissertation orally.

3-Year Online Program

Session I: First Eight Weeks of semester Break (1 Week)

Session II: Second Eight Weeks of semester

Fall I

4 Credits

Session I:

[EDL 811](#) Doctoral Seminar I (2) [EDL 845](#) Teaching and Learning Theories (2)

Session II:

[EDL 821](#) Curriculum, Assessment, and Quality Improvement (3)

Fall II:

7 Credits

Session I:

[EDL 813](#) Doctoral Seminar III (1)
[EDL 842](#) Advanced Statistics (3)

Session II:

[EDL 823](#) Leadership in Educational Organizations (3)

Fall III

3 Credits

[EDL 969](#) Research Proposal II: Data Gathering/Analysis (3) *Research Proposal Approval and IRB Approval*

Spring I

7 Credits

Session I:

[EDL 812](#) Doctoral Seminar II (1)
[EDL 856](#) Adult Learning Theories (3)

Session II:

[EDL 866](#) Qualitative Research (3)

Spring II

6 Credits

Session I:

[EDL 879](#) Educational Leadership Practicum (3)

Session I and Session II:

[EDL 869](#) Dissertation Readings (3)

Comprehensive Examination

Spring III

5 Credits

[EDL 999](#) Dissertation (5)

Summer I

7 Credits

[EDL 824](#) Ethics in Educational Leadership (1)
[EDL 864](#) Quantitative Research (3)
[EDL 837](#) Technology Leadership (3)
OR
[EDL 855](#) Teaching and Learning Concepts (3)

Summer II

4 Credits

[EDL 959](#) Research Proposal I: Generating a Research Proposal (4)

Summer III

5 Credits

[EDL 999](#) Dissertation (5)

Dissertation Submitted Oral Defense

All courses are 3 credit hours unless indicated.

All courses are 8 weeks except for [EDL 824](#), [EDL 869](#), [EDL 959](#), and [EDL 999](#).

[EDL 999](#) – Students will require a total of 10 credits to graduate.

5-Year Online Program

Session I: First Eight Weeks of semester Break (1 Week)

Session II: Second Eight Weeks of semester

Fall I 4 Credits

Session I:

[EDL 811](#) Doctoral Seminar I (2)
[EDL 845](#) Teaching and Learning Theories (2)

Fall II 3 Credits

Session II:

[EDL 821](#) Curriculum, Assessment, and Quality Improvement (3)

Fall III 4 Credits

Session I:

[EDL 813](#) Doctoral Seminar III (1)

Session II:

[EDL 823](#) Leadership in Educational Organizations (3)

Fall IV 4 Credits

Session I:

[EDL 842](#) Advanced Statistics (3)

Fall V 3 Credits

Session I and Session II:

[EDL 969](#) Research Proposal II: Data Gathering/Analysis (3)

Research Proposal Approval and IRB Approval

Spring I 4 Credits

Session I:

[EDL 812](#) Doctoral Seminar II (1)
[EDL 856](#) Adult Learning Theories (3)

Spring II 3 Credits

Session II:

[EDL 866](#) Qualitative Research (3)

Spring III 3 Credits

Session I:

[EDL 879](#) Educational Leadership Practicum (3)

Spring IV 3 Credits

Session I and Session II:

[EDL 869](#) Dissertation Readings (3)

Comprehensive Examination

Spring V 5 Credits

[EDL 999](#) Dissertation (5)

Summer I 3 Credits

[EDL 837](#) Technology Leadership (3)
OR
[EDL 855](#) Teaching and Learning Concepts (3)

Summer II 3 Credits

[EDL 864](#) Quantitative Research (3)

Summer III 1 Credit

[EDL 824](#) Ethics in Educational Leadership (1)

Summer IV 4 Credit

[EDL 959](#) Research Proposal I: Generating a Research Proposal (4)

Summer V 5 Credits

EDL 999 Dissertation (5)

Dissertation Submitted Oral Defense

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Total Credits

87