

## Clemson's PhD in Educational Leadership Program- Admissions Process

1. Use the Clemson Graduate School On-line Application: <http://www.grad.clemson.edu/Admission.php>
2. Include additional EDL Program Admissions Requirements:  
<http://www.clemson.edu/hehd/departments/education/students/PhD-EL.html>

### OVERVIEW

The Ph.D. in Educational Leadership program is designed to provide students with a strong background in five domains: (a) leadership, (b) research, (c) policy, (d) ethics, and (e) diversity. As the highest academic degree granted by Clemson University, the Ph.D. is designed to prepare students to become scholars who discover, integrate, and apply knowledge as leaders in schools and post-secondary and community educational institutions and agencies. This is accomplished through close association with and apprenticeship to faculty members experienced in research, teaching, and a variety of leadership roles in the field of education.

A student admitted to the Educational Leadership doctoral program must begin course work within one year from the semester of acceptance or re-apply for admission. Students are discouraged from taking more than six (6) hours of doctoral course work prior to being admitted to the program (this does not preclude the use of courses completed in the EdS degree in educational administration).

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A. Baccalaureate and master's degrees from a regionally accredited institution

B. Admission to the Clemson Graduate School

1. **To be considered for admission to the Graduate School candidates must submit:**
2. **Online application** (\$65.00 application fee for US/Permanent Resident Applications; \$75.00 application fee for International Applications; \$55.00 application fee for Non-degree Applications)
  - o Degree-seeking candidates must select program code 321 (Educational Leadership - Higher Education Focus) or code 322 (Educational Leadership - P-12 Focus) on the online application form
3. **Official transcripts**
  - o Transcripts are required from all undergraduate and graduate work
4. **Three recommendations that address the applicant's professional experience and scholarly potential.**
  - o Recommendation forms may be sent to recommenders electronically from online application or you may download a [PDF recommendation form](#) to send to your recommenders to complete and return to the Graduate School
5. **Current curriculum vita listing educational background, work experiences, professional service experiences, and other related experiences.**
6. **Two page personal statement in which you discuss your reasons for pursuing the Ph.D. degree. This letter will be evaluated as a writing sample.**
7. **Competitive GRE scores**
  - o Scores must be current (within five years of application date)
  - o For more information on registering for the GRE, please visit the [GRE website](#)
8. **Applicants for whom English is a second language must also submit acceptable TOEFL scores**

Regular application deadlines are **October 1** (for Spring admission) and **March 1** (for Summer or Fall admission) . Only complete application packets will be considered for admission.

If requested by the program coordinator, an interview may be required prior to an admissions decision.

**To check on the status of a submitted application, please go to:**  
<http://www.grad.clemson.edu/ApplicationCheck.php>

### Clemson’s PhD in Educational Leadership Program Process

Scholarship in a terminal degree requires completion of coursework combined with non-course degree requirements. For the PhD in Educational Leadership (EDL), the process occurs as follows:

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#### Course Work Part 1: EDL PhD Program Preliminary Core Studies (within 2 years of admission)

- EDL 910 Introductory Doctoral Seminar (3 credits)
- EDL 905 Theory and Practice in Educational Leadership(3 credits)
- EDL 900 Principles of Educational Leadership(3 credits)
- EX ST 801 and 801L, Statistical Methods I with Lab (4 credits)



#### Preliminary Examination

(Upon completion of the Prelim Core –Focused on the domains of Leadership, Ethics, Diversity, Research & Policy)



#### Coursework Part 2: EDL PhD Program of Study

- A. Research Courses (minimum of 10 credits)
- B. Concentration – P12 or Higher Education (minimum of 18 credits)

P12 Option- Building Certification (21 credits)	P12 Option- District Certification (24 credits)	P12 Option- Combination Certification (36 credits)	HE and P12- Non Certification Options (minimum 18 credits)
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- C. Cognate (minimum of six credits, 18-21 recommended)
- D. Research Field Experience and Internship (minimum of 6 credits – EDL 985 & 986)

The Comprehensive Examination (minimum of 21 credits post-Preliminary Exam)



#### Candidacy Residency Series (9 credits)

- EDL 988 Directed Research (3 cr)
- EDL 989 Advanced Seminar in Educational Leadership (3 cr)
- EDL 990 Clinical Research in Educational Leadership (3 cr)



#### Dissertation Research and Writing

EDL 991 Doctoral Dissertation Research (18 hours)

The Final Timeline – See Clemson Graduate School Deadlines: <http://www.grad.clemson.edu/Deadlines.php>



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Dissertation Defense