

Ph.D. in Educational Leadership



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Clemson University's Ph.D. in Educational Leadership is designed to prepare scholars, practitioners and leaders across and for P-20+ educational contexts by engaging in the breadth and depth of theoretical and practical knowledge related to leadership, ethics, diversity, research and policy.

What is the Ph.D. program?

This program is an opportunity to engage issues in P-20 education in the areas of leadership, ethics, diversity, research and policy. Through coursework and out-of-class engagement, we encourage theoretical and practical innovations in educational leadership. We offer two concentration areas: P-12 and Higher Education. Our P-12 area offers Building and District-Level Certification and an EDS en route.

Who is it for?

The program is for current P-12 teachers and school leaders and higher education administrators seeking advanced education to continue in formal leadership and decision-making roles across P-12 and post-secondary contexts such as schools, districts, state-level organizations, community colleges, technical schools, four-year universities, and state/federal-level policy bodies.

What do students gain?

Students in the Ph.D. program develop rigorous inquiry skills to apply to contemporary education problems of practice, extensions of their scholarly and practitioner networks, and opportunities for publishing and presenting at regional and national conferences.

Benefits of Earning an Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Clemson



Increase expertise in your field



Join a network of scholar-practitioners in making theoretically and practically informed education-related decisions



Expand your career options

Faculty Accomplishments

Professional Organization Service

- AERA Division A and J Program Committees
- Association of College and University Housing Officers International Former President
- ASHE Program Committees

Honors and Awards

- AERA Division J Emerging Scholars
- ACPA Senior and Emerging Scholars
- NASPA Faculty Fellows

Editorial Board Service

- Educational Administration Quarterly Former Editor
- Journal of College Student Development Editorial Board Members
- College Student Affairs Journal Editorial Board Members

P-20+ Leadership Positions

- Former Principals and Teachers Nationally and Internationally
- National Social Justice Consultants
- Former Residence Life and Judicial Affairs Administrators

College of Education: "Best in Class"

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Ranked among nation's top 10 online education programs by U.S. News and World Report

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Gain experience solving core educational problems

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Explore teaching, learning and motivation in context