



DOCTORATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP WITH A CONCENTRATION IN EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS

Exceptional Learners are present in every school and at all grade levels. Exceptional learners include students with disabilities, gifted, and twice-exceptional learners.

Educational leaders need to know the needs, legal requirements, and best practices in serving these students. This eighteen (18) hour concentration provides students with critical information on who are exceptional learners, what are the legal responsibilities for this population, and what needs to happen instructionally to support teachers in order for their students to reach their potential.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

Anyone who has a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, Curriculum & Instruction, Special Education, Gifted Education, or a similar education field.

WHAT WE OFFER

An opportunity to specialize in both ends of the special education continuum in order to make informed decisions for schools and the students they serve.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Coursework is offered using the executive/blended format plus extensive field experience in the community. Courses are offered Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. Two courses per session.

REQUIRED RESEARCH CORE

- EDFL 571 Applied Statistics in Education
- EDLD 800 Introduction to Research Design in Educational Leadership
- EDLD 801 Writing for Research in Educational Leadership
- EDLD 802 Quantitative Methods in Educational Leadership
- EDLD 803 Qualitative Methods in Educational Leadership

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNER CONCENTRATION (18 hrs.)

+ LEADERSHIP COURSES (18 hrs.)

- EDLD 820 Legal Issues and Ethics in Educational Organization
- SPED 890 Contemporary Issues in the Education of Exceptional Learners
- SPED 891 Supervision of Educational Services for Exceptional Learners
- SPED 892 Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Leadership Supports for Exceptional Learners

- SPED 893 Accommodations, Modifications, and Interventions for Exceptional Learners: A Leader's Role
- SPED 894 Collaborative Leadership to Support Exceptional Education
- SPED 895 Leadership in Encouraging Creative and Critical Thinking Learning Environments

DISSERTATION COURSES

- EDLD 900 Doctoral Dissertation Seminar
- EDLD 999 Dissertation Research & Dissertation

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