EdD in Educational Leadership

An on-line, three-year EdD with a two-week summer residency in Southeast Asia.

Our Next Cohort Begins June 2022

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Online Information Sessions*:
August 21, 2021, 9am, ET
September 23, 2021, 7:30pm, ET
October 9, 2021, 9am, ET

*To receive the Zoom link for these sessions, please complete the International EdD Interest Form found on the website.

On-line applications are due January 15, 2022.
Step-by-step directions to apply at: education.ecu.edu/intedd

Visit the website for Informational Videos, including student testimonials: education.ecu.edu/intedd

Our program is tailored to working educators

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Coursework and dissertation completed in 3 years.

Students identify a Focus of Practice (FoP) and use participatory action research in their school communities.

Students work closely with a personalized dissertation coach and small research team to support project design and provide writing support.

The coaches visit the students in their contexts once a year.

Instructors and coaches maintain a strong emphasis on equity-focused instructional leadership and support students to craft an equity-driven FoP in their school communities.

ECU faculty members co-teach courses with instructors who have school leadership experience.

No North Carolina residency required.

Each fall and spring students take virtual content and design courses

A required summer learning exchange (in June) each year in Bangkok.

Courses taught with Learning Exchange principles—experiential, honoring place and the wisdom of people.

Faculty monitor progress on regular program milestones.

"The ECU International EdD was not that I had to work on a dissertation. I learned to work with teachers, empower teachers, and establish a collaborative process...the end of the dissertation was really the beginning of the journey"  -Cohort 1 EdD Graduate

ECU is a member institution of the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED). This group is focused on making the EdD a doctoral degree for practitioners. As such, the aim is to create an experience that honors the time and wisdom of full-time practitioners and is coupled with learning experiences that ultimately improve one’s practice.

This innovative EdD successfully launched in 2016. We have two completed cohorts and 100% of the Cohort III students are on target to complete the program in 2023.

"I shifted from the traditional principal-as-boss model to the more collaborative co-learner. Seeking those closest to the issue allowed me to ascertain the needs and find unique solutions to the context...Leadership is iterative. You must constantly work with your community to improve...You are always on an improvement journey"  -Cohort 2 EdD Graduate

$850/credit.

The 60-credit program cost: $51,000.

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