Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Objectives
Those students completing the degree requirements for the EdS or EdD will have met the academic requirements necessary for a Montana Class III Administrative license with a Superintendent endorsement. Additionally, a non-degree Superintendent Preparation program is available for those students who already hold a Master’s degree and Principal Licensure (please see Post Masters Superintendent Licensure (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/education/administrative-licensure/superintendent-licensure)).

Program Flow
The Educational Leadership program courses are offered using a combination of delivery methods. Online courses are delivered completely via distance technology and blended courses use a combination of distance delivery and face to face meetings. The structure of the course will determine the delivery methods employed. For example, many EdD program courses are usually blended such that the class meets for face-to-face instruction one weekend a month and online during the weeks in between meetings.

After admission to the EdD program, the applicant will be assigned a temporary adviser and should then meet with his/her assigned adviser. Actual courses taken during the initial stage will be based on the student’s previous academic work and adviser/committee approval.

Program of Study

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Total Credits: 53

Comprehensive Examinations
Comprehensive examinations are required for completion of all EdD degrees in Educational Leadership. Students are expected to demonstrate mastery of the program of study and the ability to interact with the research in that area. Students should refer to The Graduate School’s Policies and Procedures (http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/policy/degreq_doctoral.html#degreq_doc_gen) web page.

After completion of at least two thirds of the required coursework, EdD students will complete a written comprehensive exam. The exam is completed in writing and then orally defended in front of the entire Graduate Committee. Through the comprehensive exam, students will be expected to demonstrate: 1) the ability to integrate concepts from courses into a holistic viewpoint; 2) the ability to apply material to anticipated real life situations based on the theoretical principles and concepts covered in classes; 3) the ability to critically read, analyze, and critique research; and 4) a readiness to move forward to create their own research.

Generally, there are two primary question areas: 1) Identification of a topic with the potential to contribute to the literature in Educational Leadership, and a critical evaluation of the research on that topic; and 2) Design a research project on the topic of interest. Students will be expected to demonstrate a mastery of aspects of both qualitative and quantitative projects (such as sampling, validity, reliability, data analysis).

Additional Doctor of Education Requirements
The Doctor of Education degree must meet the minimum requirements in the For Doctoral Students section of the Graduate School’s website with the following exception: only fourteen (14) credits of dissertation are required. Additional requirements for the Ed.D. degree beyond these minimums are available through the Department of Education. All Ed.D. degree candidates are expected to be familiar with both The Graduate School’s degree requirements (http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/policy/degreq_doctoral.html#degreq_doc_gen) and Department of Education degree requirements listed on each of the three program’s websites.

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application process:

Applicants are to submit the following documentation during the application process:

Complete the online application through the Graduate School Online Application System (http://www.montana.edu/wwwdg/apply.html)

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1. Completed Graduate School Application
2. GPA calculation form: The form is provided during the application process. NOTE: We require a GPA of 3.00 for the last two (2) years of undergraduate course work.
3. Resume/Curriculum Vitae
4. Three (3) letters of recommendation: Candidates must meet the following criteria for one of the three letters of recommendation.
   a. At least one of the three letters must be from the candidate’s present direct supervisor. That means a school district administrator who (a) is currently administratively certified by Montana Office of Public Instruction or other equivalent state agency, and (b) currently acts as direct supervisor for the candidate, and has done so for a minimum period of one semester.
   b. At least one of the letters of recommendation must be from a previous direct supervisor. That means a school district administrator who (a) currently certified by the Montana Office of Public Instruction or other equivalent state agency, (b) has, at some point preceding the date of this application, acted as direct supervisor for the candidate for a minimum period of one semester. Any applicant who does not have a letter from a present direct supervisor must indicate in the self-nomination letter (see below) the specific reason(s) why they were unable to secure a letter of recommendation from their present supervisor.
5. Self-Nomination Letter: In two pages please describe why you want a terminal degree and what key thinkers and/or research has informed your current leadership practice.

6. Academic Transcripts: Official transcripts verifying all Bachelor’s Degree course work and Master’s Degree course work should be sent to the Department of Education Graduate Programs Office, 215 Reid Hall, PO Box 172880, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717.
7. Official GRE or MAT scores: The general test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) is required of all doctoral students prior to consideration for admission in the Department of Education. The expected minimum score for the GRE is 150 on the Verbal and 145 on the Quantitative. The expected minimum score on the MAT is 413. Official scores can be sent to Montana State University (code 4488).
8. For International Applicants ONLY
   TOEFL (https://www.ets.org/toefl) (http://www.ets.org/toefl) or ACE level 7 - Applicants who are not U.S. citizens and not from countries where English is the official language are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language and score a minimum 213 (paper version: 550, 80 for the iBT). This requirement may be waived if the applicant has earned an undergraduate or graduate degree from an institution in the U.S.
9. For International Applicants ONLY
   International Student Financial Certificate (http://www.montana.edu/wwwdg/pdf_files/int_cert.pdf)

Application Deadlines

The following are the preferred application deadline dates by which all of the application materials must be submitted via the online application system.

*Note - By submitting materials by the preferred deadline, accepted students will be eligible for Graduate Teaching Assistantships and early registration.

Fall Semester: May 1st
Spring Semester: November 1st
Summer Semester: April 1st

The following are the final application deadline dates. If an applicant is unable to submit all application materials via the online application system by the preferred dates listed above, he or she can submit the materials by the date listed below, as there will be a second review.

Fall Semester: August 15th
Spring Semester: January 2nd
Summer Semester: May 15th

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