Educational Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership

The educational specialist degree in educational leadership was designed for educators who seek positions in district-level leadership. The program includes course work that leads to a North Carolina Superintendent license. Candidates for this program include school administrators who currently hold an initial administration and supervision license. Completion of this degree may add the next level of state licensure and result in a salary upgrade.

The program consists of a minimum of 38 hours of course work that includes project-based learning, fieldwork, and an internship. Throughout this program, candidates work on projects that align with state Superintendent Standards. Students are connected with a local district-level administrator of their choice to serve as a mentor and provide access to leadership opportunities. The program is delivered completely online setting tuition at a lower rate. Most students complete the program within two years.

For additional information concerning program and/or admission guidelines, contact Dr. Marjorie Ringler, Interim Chair, Department of Educational Leadership, at the eds@ecu.edu.

What candidates have said about the EdS at ECU:

“I liked the detailed research projects that help deepen my understanding of one’s role from a district perspective.”

“It is a great on line program for those who are working full time.”

“. . .the flexibility to work on assignments when I have time.”

“I like the openness and helpfulness of the professors.”

“I don’t have to drive to Greenville and worry about the parking issues.”

“I have enjoyed the program and I feel that I am able to effectively apply the strategies and practices discussed in the class forums.”