



## Doctor of Education – Administrative Leadership

Advanced study in the Doctor of Education in Administrative Leadership program at Shenandoah University is designed to serve learners with career goals related to PK-12 educational administration. The EdD degree is a practitioner’s degree requiring a 60-credit (minimum) program of study in one of two tracks. Completion of the appropriate degree track will qualify learners for initial administrative licensure or the superintendent’s license (providing applicants hold the initial administrative license upon application to the program) in Virginia. Curriculum specialization is also possible.

The program is *student-centered, inquiry-driven, and problem-oriented*. It is built around an interdisciplinary leadership and research core, with distinct program emphases a distributed leadership model.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application for Admission along with a \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Master’s Degree (3.5 GPA)
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended
- Three (3) letters of recommendation (Consult Admissions for specific requirements)
- One (1) page resume
- Essay addressing the academic interest (s) you wish to explore in this degree program (no more than three (3) pages).
- Interview

### TRANSFER CREDITS

- Only grades of “A” or “B” are transferable
- Up to 15 credits are permitted into SU doctoral programs with approval by the Director of the School of Education & Human Development and/or advisor.

### WHERE TO BEGIN

- Admissions: Contact Abby Griffeth at [agriffet@su.edu](mailto:agriffet@su.edu) or Mary Kay Hester at [mhester@su.edu](mailto:mhester@su.edu)
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### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirement is 60 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Courses	Credits
<b>Program Core</b>	
LST710 Leadership	3
LST720 Societal Factors	3
LST735 Organizational Theory & Behavior	3
LST740 Governance & Public Policy	3
LST750 Contemporary Issues in Leadership	3
<b>Research Core</b>	
RST761 Research Methods I	1.5
RST762 Research Methods II	1.5
RST782 Advanced Social Science Methods for Doctoral Research	2
RST775 Statistics for Social Research	3
RST776 Advanced Multivariate Statistical Analysis	3
RST777 Advanced Quantitative Methods Lab OR	1
RST778 Advanced Qualitative Methods Lab	1
<b>Applied Research</b>	
RST771 Quantitative Research Proposal	1.5
RST772 Quantitative Research Pilot	1.5
RST773 Qualitative Research Proposal	1.5
RST774 Qualitative Research Pilot	1.5
<b>Concentration</b>	
<u>PK-12 Leadership (not a licensure track)</u>	
EDU642 Philosophy of Education	3
EDU646 International Education	3
LST695 Topics in Organizational Leadership	6

### Initial Administrative Licensure

Consult program advisor as requirements may vary based on prior academic preparation.

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<b>Dissertation</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>