



BAYLOR
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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

EdD in K-12 Educational Leadership

The Baylor Doctor of Education (EdD) in K-12 Educational Leadership is an innovative, executive doctoral program for leaders of schools, educational systems, and agencies.

Designed for the working education professional, the program prepares highly qualified practitioners who are ready for the challenges of the data-informed, complex world of K-12 educational leadership.

65 Total Hours
in the Program

48 hours of coursework

11 hours of clinical
experience

6 hours of
dissertation



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Program FAQs:

What is the program's schedule?

Classes are concentrated on weekends and during the summer to allow leaders to experience high-quality, face-to-face interaction with faculty and fellow practitioners, while minimizing time away from their jobs. Cohorts begin each June.

What about the cost?

Through significant financial support from the School of Education, the cost of Baylor's EdD program is substantially less than that of other nationally ranked, private, doctoral-granting institutions.

Who are the faculty?

Program faculty members are senior scholars and distinguished practitioners in educational leadership positions. Faculty have experience as superintendents, principals, and college deans and presidents.

Focus on Problem Solving

Baylor's EdD prepares leaders within a character-based, ethics-informed framework for solving complex problems in educational practice, providing a strong knowledge base and teaching important analytical, management and leadership skills.

Cohort Model

In Baylor's program, students advance alongside colleagues in a cohort of educational leaders. This model provides an enriched and cooperative learning experience that highlights the currency of study and builds teamwork and networks.

Mentored Clinical Experience

Students benefit from a field experience addressing complex problems of practice, guided by a veteran educational executive.

Blend of Theory and Practice

All coursework ties theory to practice, culminating in a capstone experience. Through the dissertation-in-practice, students address real-life problems in education, applying knowledge by analyzing data, developing a plan for implementation, and persuasively presenting the data-based solution.

Distinctive Coursework

Baylor's EdD program focuses on change leadership, including coursework in core topics such as strategic financial management, innovation and reform, and learning accountability.

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Three-Year Curriculum Plan:

Year One

Summer	Organizational Behavior and Leadership (3 credit hours) Contemporary Trends in Educational Leadership (3) Leadership and Persuasive Communication (3)
Fall	Framing K-12 Problems for Inquiry (3) Advanced Studies in Educational Law (3)
Spring	Transforming Learning Environments: School Facility Planning (3) Conflict Management and Resolution (3) Clinical Experience in Education (1)

Year Two

Summer	Systemic Inquiry through Data Analytics (3) Technology for Educational Leaders (3) Application of Quantitative and Qualitative Data for Informed Decision-making (3) Clinical Experience in Education (2)
Fall	Advanced Studies for School Executives (3) Curriculum Management and Evaluation (3) Clinical Experience in Education (2)
Spring	Economics of Education and School Finance (3) Ethics and Values in Educational Leadership (3) Clinical Experience in Education (2)

Year Three

Summer	State, National & International Educational Systems (3) Politics, Policy and Governance of Education (3) Clinical Experience in Education (2)
Fall	Dissertation in Practice (3) Clinical Experience in Education (1)
Spring	Dissertation in Practice (3) Clinical Experience in Education (1)



“The strength of the cohort model is invaluable. Not only do you get to hear from experienced superintendents and professors, but you also form deep relationships with educators who have a variety of unique perspectives.”

—Mike Rockwood, Cohort One

Why Choose Baylor?

- Complete the EDD in three years.
- Schedule is flexible for working professionals.
- Learn from faculty with experience in educational leadership as K-12 district superintendents.
- The EdD program prepares you to become a transformational leader.
- The cohort model gives you a professional network for your entire career.
- Leader development at Baylor is grounded by ethics, faith, and social responsibility.

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