Doctorate in Educational Leadership For Social Justice

Doctoral Program Overview

The mission of the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership for Social Justice is to promote social justice and equity in PK-16 and community-based education settings. Housed in the Department of Educational Leadership at Cal State East Bay, our program develops bold, socially responsible leaders who address complex educational challenges with an awareness of and sensitivity to the intricate ways that power and injustice manifest in our schools and organizations. Our graduates emerge as scholar-practitioners, equipped with the tools to transform the world of education into socially just, inclusive and equitable environments.

Our inquiry-based program features:

• Engaging and rigorous curricula that recognizes the time constraints of busy working professionals through a hybrid course format, combining face-to-face class sessions with on-line instruction;
• Three-year cohort model that provides support and camaraderie as students move through course work and the dissertation experience;
• Flexible and responsive instructors with extensive practitioner and/or scholarly experience.

Degree Requirements

There are five basic requirements for the Doctoral degree:

1. A minimum of 60 semester units of approved doctoral level work including 7 units for dissertation studies completed within a 3 year period. In addition, students must take classes at the CSUEB facility for no less than two semesters each year of the program.
2. A 3.0 GPA or better in all 60 semester units satisfying the requirements of the degree.
5. Successful submission of the dissertation.

Admission Criteria and Application Requirements

An applicant must have educational leadership experience in PK-12, higher education, alternative education, or other agency settings that serve today’s students. Applicants must be committed to continuing their work as transformational leaders for social justice in organizations that support students and their communities.

1. A baccalaureate degree and master’s degree from an accredited institution of higher education with a GPA in graduate studies of 3.0 or above.
2. Submission of Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores from within the last 5 years.
3. Demonstrated leadership skills and abilities in education or closely related fields (e.g., school reform networks, policy institutions).
4. Demonstrated and documented professional or personal commitment to equity and social justice.
5. Professional experiences which demonstrate problem-solving ability and an interest in critically assessing current educational policies and practices.
6. Three confidential recommendation forms.
7. Professional resume.
8. A written response to a writing prompt concerning issues of school effectiveness.

For more information & to apply: www.csueastbay.edu/edd
Course Offerings

Courses take place all three semesters of the school year and are held on some evenings and weekends with flexible scheduling. Each cohort begins summer semester and enrolls for a total of nine semesters.

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**First Year**

- **Summer**
  - EDLD 700 Transformative Leadership (3)
  - EDLD 705 Foundations of Inquiry for Social Justice (3)

- **Fall**
  - EDLD 710 Social and Cultural Foundations of Education (3)
  - EDLD 715 Transforming Teaching and Learning in Schools (3)
  - EDLD 790 Advisory (2)

- **Spring**
  - EDLD 720 Qualitative Inquiry for Social Justice (3)
  - EDLD 725 Reading and Writing about Educational Leadership (3)
  - EDLD 730 Community Advocacy, Outreach, and Organizing (3)

**Second Year**

- **Summer**
  - EDLD 735 Engaging Critical Social Theories for Designing Research for Equity and Social Justice (3)
  - EDLD 740 Reform and Change for Social Justice (3)
  - EDLD 791 Collaborative Research and Writing I (1)

- **Fall**
  - EDLD 745 Quantitative Inquiry: Data Analysis for Leaders (3)
  - EDLD 750 Critical Policy Studies in Education (3)
  - EDLD 755 Applied Study of Educational Issues: Professional Residency I (3)

- **Spring**
  - EDLD 760 Evaluation Research Practicum for Social Justice (3)
  - EDLD 765 Applied Study of Educational Issues: Professional Residency II (3)
  - EDLD 792 Collaborative Research and Writing II (1)

**Third Year**

- **Summer**
  - EDLD 770 Critical Perspectives for Finance and Resource Management (3)
  - EDLD 775 Organizations and Systems for Equity (3)

- **Fall**
  - EDLD 780 Dissertation Research Implementation for Equity and Social Justice (3)
  - EDLD 793 Collaborative Research and Writing III (1)

- **Spring**
  - EDLD 799 Dissertation Seminar (4)

* number in parentheses refers to course units