

# Educational Leadership

## EdD



The **Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership** at Sam Houston State University is the highest professional degree available to students who aspire to hold leadership positions in either K-12 schools or higher education institutions, such as community colleges and universities. Degree requirements include a curriculum of courses in leadership theory and research methods and the completion of a dissertation, a major research project conducted by a doctoral student under the mentorship of a faculty member. Graduates of the doctoral degree in Educational Leadership will have the knowledge to apply leadership theory within the context of educational institutions.

The Educational Leadership degree offers two cohorts: K-12 Administration and Higher Education Administration. Each cohort requires the completion of 60-credit hours and allows up to 15 credit hours of coursework in an area of specialization or cognate. The K-12 cognate can include state principal or superintendent certification. The Higher Education Administration cognate can include a specialization in higher education, the professoriate, or other approved area.

The K-12 Administration cohort begins every Summer semester and has an application deadline of March 1. The Higher Education Administration cohort begins every Spring semester and has an application deadline of October 1.



### Who Benefits from a Doctorate in Educational Leadership?

- Practicing professionals in higher education institutions who desire to advance into mid-level and senior leadership positions
- Those desiring to become professors of education
- Individuals looking to be a private education consultant
- Practicing professionals in public or private K-12 education who desire to move to central office management positions
- Individuals seeking a career in educational research



### The Educational Leadership Faculty

Faculty members bring to the classroom a wide range of education and experience to assist students in acquiring sophisticated leadership knowledge and skills. Educational leadership professors are actively involved in professional organizations and regularly present their research at international and national conferences. Faculty are well-known in their research areas and have numerous publications. Our professors are committed to mentoring and to ensuring doctoral students succeed in completing their dissertation and accomplishing their professional goals. Students are encouraged to present at research conferences and to publish their work.

## Why earn your Doctoral Degree at Sam?

As a student at SHSU, you will benefit from receiving an exceptional learning experience from a well-established and respected department that has a long history of delivering quality education. The Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling faculty members have a wide range of education and experience to assist doctoral students in becoming skilled scholar-practitioners. Faculty members have held campus leadership positions and are all engaged in internationally recognized research and other scholarly pursuits. The College of Education, which houses the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling, is ranked among the top schools of education and is one of only seven public Texas universities nationally accredited through NCATE.

### Sam Houston State University

Since 1879, Sam Houston State University has touched the lives of over 100,000 graduates and helped shape the economic, social and cultural development of the state and nation. Steeped in tradition and Texas hospitality, the university offers the type of educational experience most often found at private institutions. The low student-to-faculty ratio allows for more individual attention, while our beautifully maintained campus and historic architecture provide a serene backdrop to high-tech facilities, equipment and amenities. SHSU's tuition rates combined with exceptional faculty and academic programs produce one of the best educational values in Texas.



### Apply Now

The sooner you apply, the sooner you will realize the benefits of enrolling in Sam Houston State University's Educational Leadership doctoral program.

The minimum requirements to be considered are:

1. Graduate Studies Application (online at [ApplyTexas.org](http://ApplyTexas.org))
2. Application Fee
3. Official transcript from the baccalaureate degree granting institution
4. Official transcript showing receipt of a master's degree in a related field from an accredited institution
5. Graduate GPA of 3.5 or higher preferred
6. Full-time professional leadership experience at a credible organization
7. Official GRE scores taken within the last five years

*Applicants selected after the initial screening will be invited for an interview and writing sample exercise.*

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