

Clemson's PhD in Educational Leadership Program Process

Scholarship in a terminal degree requires completion of coursework combined with non-course degree requirements. For the PhD in Educational Leadership (EDL), the process occurs as follows

Admission to PhD in Educational Leadership Program & Clemson's Graduate School

Consultation with appropriate PhD Concentration Coordinator (i.e. Higher Education or P-12)

Use the Clemson Graduate School On-line Application:

<http://www.grad.clemson.edu/Admission.php>

Include additional EDL Program Admissions Requirements:

http://www.hehd.clemson.edu/schoolofed/ac_grad_prgm_phd_el.php

Clemson University Financial Support and Tuition Information:

<http://www.grad.clemson.edu/Financial.php>



Course Work: Clemson's General Guidelines and Regulations

See the Clemson Graduate School Catalogue for the following:

- Registration for Courses
- The Grading System
- Required GPA and Scholastic Probation
- Independent Study
- Student Academic Responsibilities
- Selection of Doctoral Advisory Committee and Chair (Major Advisor)
- Formation and Approval of Advisory Committee (Filing of SoE Preliminary Exam Committee by beginning of 2nd year)



EDL PhD Program Preliminary Core Studies (minimum of three courses/9 credits within 2 years of admission)

- EDL 910 Introductory Doctoral Seminar (3 credits)
- EDL 900 Principles of Educational Leadership(3 credits)
- EDL 905 Theory and Practice in Educational Leadership(3 credits)
- EX ST 801 and 801L, Statistical Methods I with Lab (4 credits)



Preliminary Examination (upon completion of at least 9 credits among the Prelim Core)

Preparation for Preliminary Examination

Study for questions representing the following domains:

- Leadership
- Research
- Policy
- Ethics
- Diversity

Successful Completion of the Preliminary Examination

Establishing the Program of Study Plan (Filing of GS-2 Form)



EDL PhD Program of Study including:

- A. Research Courses (minimum of 10 credits)
- B. Concentration (minimum of 18 credits)
- C. Cognate (minimum of six credits, 18-21 recommended)
- D. Field Experience and Internship (minimum of 6 credits)

The Comprehensive Examination (Minimum of 21 credits post-Preliminary Exam)

Confirmation of Doctoral Advisory Committee membership and audit of GS-2 courses
Preparation for Comprehensive Examination
Completing the Part I: Written Portion of the Comprehensive Examination
Completing Part II(a) Written and II(b) Oral Portions of Comps
Successful Completion of the Comprehensive Examination (Filing of GS-5 Form)



Dissertation Proposal and Residency

Completion of the post- Comprehensive Examination Residency
Through the following Courses [in the specified sequence]:

- EDL 995 Directed Research (3 credits)
 - EDL 989 Advanced Seminar in Educational Leadership (3 credits)
 - EDL 990 Clinical Research in Educational Leadership (3 credits)
- Dissertation Proposal Defense Committee Meeting¹
Filing of SoE Dissertation Proposal Approval Form²
Receipt of Institutional Review Board Approval



Dissertation Research and Writing

Writing the Dissertation:

- EDL 991³ Doctoral Dissertation Research (18 hours)

The Final Timeline – See Clemson Graduate School Deadlines:

<http://www.grad.clemson.edu/Deadlines.php>

(Filing of GS4 & GS7 forms are not considered complete until Committee indicates successful completion of the Dissertation Defense)



Dissertation Defense

Filing of Announcement for the Dissertation Defense
The Dissertation Defense
Dissertation Defense Results and Final Dissertation Copy
The Ending Steps in the Dissertation Process



Publication of Results

Selection of a Portion of Dissertation to Publish
Submission of Manuscript to a Refereed Journal

¹ Produce IRB certification at the Proposal Defense meeting – see the Doctoral Checklist

² IRB approval occurs after Committee Approval of the Dissertation Proposal and the filing of the SoE Dissertation Proposal Approval Form.

³ No EDL 991 credits may be accumulated before achieving candidacy, i.e. passing the Comprehensive Examination