



## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

# *The Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) in School System Leadership*

The Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) in School System Leadership is a “Practice Based” doctoral program designed to develop leaders who can create and lead collaborative and inclusive system improvement initiatives. The program enrolls cohorts of students who work together over 36 months to identify, investigate and solve real school system problems. The Ed.D. in School System Leadership is aligned to NELP standards and approved by the Maryland State Department of Education for Superintendent II certification.

### **Signature Program elements:**

- Grounded in the practices of improvement science
- Courses offered in non-standard semester schedule through all-day Saturday seminars and online modules
- Program culminates in a Capstone Project that focuses on improving or eliminating a real problem of practice within a school system
- Graduates of the program receive a Superintendent II Endorsement (The only program of its kind in the state of Maryland)



## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all undergraduate courses taken at a regionally accredited college or university
- Minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in all graduate courses completed to fulfill requirements of a Master's degree
- Master's degree in a field relevant to education leadership
- Maryland Administrator I Certification or equivalent
- Minimum 3 years of successful experience in an educational leadership position
- 3 Letters of Recommendation from individuals with first hand experience with candidates' leadership potential, relevant experience, and ability to succeed in a rigorous graduate program. A minimum of one letter must be from someone who has served as a supervisor of the applicant
- Resume/CV
- Professional Statement
- Supplemental Application: Applicants respond to 3 questions related to educational leadership
- Personal interview with program faculty

## HOW TO APPLY

### Overview of Application Process

The application process for the EDUC School Leadership (EDUC) Ed.D. Program is a two-part process involving an initial screening application to the EDUC Ed.D. Program, followed by a formal application to the University of Maryland.

### Step 1: (Unofficial) Screening Application

Materials are submitted to the program for screening. Additional screening exercises are conducted which may include an interview. Complete the PDF fillable graduate application located within the initial online application. [https://umdsurvey.umd.edu/jfe/form/SV\\_bvVwb2U323UmGFw](https://umdsurvey.umd.edu/jfe/form/SV_bvVwb2U323UmGFw):

*Note: You must be a U.S. Citizen or a pending U.S. Citizen to apply to this program.*

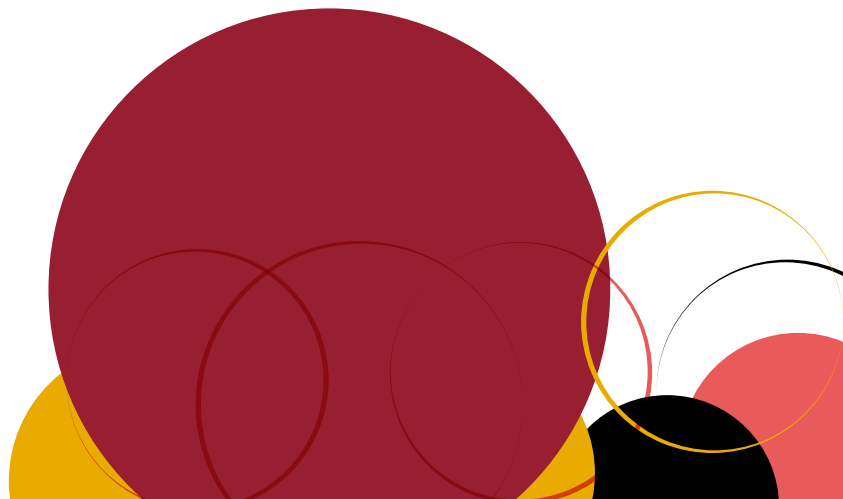
- Copy of official transcripts from all institutions from which you received 9-credits or more; must have degree posted and cumulative GPA's on transcripts. \*See note below if you have international transcripts.
- Personal Statement and Resume'
- 1 Letter of Recommendation speaking to Leadership Skills (you will need a total of 3 for the official application)
- Answer 3 questions listed in the initial application

*\*Note: If you have an international transcript, we will need the following.*

- A copy of the original transcript(s) in the original language, certificate/diploma along with a Literal English Translation. (WES evaluations are NOT accepted.) <https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/international-admissions>
- In some cases, English Proficiency Exam may be required. TOEFL or IELTS or PTE. (Philippine transcripts require Exam scores.) For more information on score requirements, visit the Graduate School English Proficiency Exam webpage. <https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements>

### Step 2: Program faculty screen applicants and recommend for full application.

Candidates who are successful through the program screening process are recommended to formally apply to the University of Maryland, Graduate School.



## APPLICATION AND ADMISSION TIMELINE:

### March 15, 2022

- Application Portal Opens (Contact Judy Foster, [jfoster@umd.edu](mailto:jfoster@umd.edu) in order to submit)

### May 15, 2022

- Application Portal Closes/Screening & Review Process Begins
- Completed applications are reviewed by Ed.D. Team

### June 1, 2022

- Promising candidates are invited to interview with Ed.D. Team
- (Unofficial) Screening Application Process Deadline

### June 15, 2022

- Notification to candidates recommended to officially apply to the University of Maryland Graduate School begins

### July 15, 2022

- Deadline to formally apply to University of Maryland Graduate School EDUC Ed.D. program ends

### August 29, 2022

- Fall Semester Classes Begins (Applicants will be notified about the status of their application prior to this start date.)

### Tuition/Program Costs

- AY 21-22 (June 2021 - May 2022) - \$768 per graduate credit plus \$76.50 technology fee (8 credits or less per semester) or \$153 technology fee (9 credits or more per semester). *Subject to annual increase.*

## PROGRAM BENCHMARKS/ REQUIREMENTS

This is a cohort model program. A diverse cohort of 15-20 educational leaders/administrators from across the state participate in courses offered online and through all-day Saturday seminars.

- 60 credits (post-Master's)
- 27 credits in 6 Core Topical Seminars (4 credits each)
- 9 credits in Applied Research, Assessment and Evaluation courses (3 credits each)
- 4 credits (2 courses) in professional inquiry and written communication
- 5 Key Assessments
- Extensive externship and portfolio requirement
- 8 credits of Apprenticeship (Extensive externship & portfolio requirements)
- 12 credits of Capstone credits (6 credits of 828: Mid-Point Evaluation and 6 credits of 829).

## PROGRAM CONTACTS

### Screening and admissions:

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### Program:

Dr. Douglas Anthony, [danthony@umd.edu](mailto:danthony@umd.edu)

### Tuition and Financial:

Valerie Foster, [vfoster@umd.edu](mailto:vfoster@umd.edu)

### Information Session Dates

**March 22, 2022** (6:00-7:00 PM)

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMocOmqrDouG9GwgBgJ\\_bQLiXFG4c8BGeuH](https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMocOmqrDouG9GwgBgJ_bQLiXFG4c8BGeuH)

**April 6, 2022** (6:00-7:00 PM)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUrd-GtrTMjG9H-DIHiR4iWcctICpyKtwkG>

**May 3, 2022** (6:00-7:00 PM)

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwudOypqTksH9UxvuHOT\\_F53EKM8DWIjhnj](https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwudOypqTksH9UxvuHOT_F53EKM8DWIjhnj)

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