



VISION

To build a dynamic, rigorous, and inclusive doctoral program that prepares leaders to make remarkable differences in the educational lives of others.

MISSION

To support dynamic, transformative, socially responsible leaders who engage others, value diversity, operate with academic integrity, and believe in people and their educational futures.

OUR GRADUATES

Graduates of the program are prepared to be educational leaders in Pre K-12 and postsecondary settings. The program is designed for working professionals who seek to further influence educational policy and decision making.

Pre K-12 specialization graduates are prepared for positions as principals, superintendents, lead teachers, and other school-site administrators.

Community college/higher education specialization graduates are prepared for critical positions at both 2-year and 4-year institutions as college presidents, student support service administrators, and other administrative leaders.

APPLICATION MATERIALS CAN BE FOUND AT: WWW.CSULB.EDU/EDLD

PROGRAM STRANDS

- Pre K-12
- Community College/Higher Education

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Masters degree in Education or a related field
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in upper division undergraduate unites and graduate coursework
- Demonstration of sufficient preparation for, experience in, and potential for education leadership

UNITS

- 60 unit program
- Completed in 3 years

FALL 2025 Information Session Dates are on the following **FRIDAYS @ 6pm (unless otherwise noted)**

- **September 6th**
- **November 15th**
- **Saturday, October 12th**
- **December 6th**
- **-12PM (in person)**

To **RSVP** please visit: WWW.CSULB.EDU/EDLD
The zoom link will be sent with the confirmation 3 days before the session.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
January 15

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PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Students are admitted each summer term

- Classes begin in May
- Cohort model facilitates the development of learning communities and professional networks

Full-time study is required

- 7-9 units each semester
- Summer study is required

Intended for working professionals

- Classes scheduled Wednesday evenings and every other Saturday
- Coursework is designed to accommodate and benefit from the full-time employment of program participants

PROGRAM OF STUDY

SUMMER I (7 UNITS)

- Professional Seminar in Educational Leadership
- Introduction to Educational Research, Epistemologies, Methodologies, and Application
- Leadership in Higher Education OR Leadership in P-12 Education

FALL I (8 UNITS)

- Advanced Professional Seminar in Educational Leadership
- Organizational Leadership in Educational Settings
- U.S. Education and Diversity

SPRING I (7 UNITS)

- Advanced Professional Seminar in Educational Leadership
- Qualitative Research Methods for Educational Leadership
- Teaching and Learning in Post Secondary Settings OR Organizational Culture & Community Engagement

SUMMER II (6 UNITS)

- Advanced Professional Seminar in Educational Leadership
- Inferential Data Analysis in Education

FALL II (6 UNITS)

- Advanced Professional Seminar in Educational Leadership
- Legal and Ethical Leadership
- Institutional Effectiveness

SPRING II (8 UNITS)

- Advanced Qualitative Methods OR Advanced Quantitative Methods
- Policy, Politics, and Power in Educational Settings
- Policy and Finance Issues in Community Colleges OR Curriculum Theory, Instruction, Leadership, and Accountability

SUMMER III (5 UNITS)

- Pre-Dissertation
- Applied Field Research
- Exploration of Campus Culture OR Financial and Human Resource Development

FALL III (6 UNITS)

- Dissertation

SPRING III (6 UNITS)

- Dissertation