THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE is a dynamic Research 1 university, committed to the professional development of our graduate students as we prepare them to become the next generation of educational leaders.

The Doctorate of Education (EdD) represents the highest level of scholarly attainment in the professional field of education. This program is designed to prepare students to assume leadership roles in administration, curriculum, and teaching. EdD graduates inspire and lead by designing solutions to complex problems across a broad range of K-12, higher education, and community settings. This program equips graduates with the skills to gather, analyze, and use information in evidence-based decision-making and problem-solving.

Program Experiences

- Complete coursework in leadership, educational improvement, evidence-based decision-making, education policy and governance, data collection and analysis, and more
- Customize your learning through electives in the areas of evaluation, measurement, and statistics; learning sciences; literacy; mathematics education; school psychology; and sociocultural and community-based approaches to education
- Connect theory with practice, academic work with your professional work, and leadership development with organizational improvement through the capstone Education Leadership Portfolio (ELP), where students investigate problems of practice from their organizational contexts
- Prepare for a Delaware certificate for School District Personnel and Assistant Superintendent/Superintendent through a K-12 School Leadership Internship (optional for those interested)
- Work with nationally-recognized faculty in educational policy, and connect with educational organization leaders and professionals from across Delaware and the mid Atlantic

Scholarships and Reduced Tuition
The College of Education and Human Development offers several scholarships to support its graduate students. In addition, the College offers all EdD students the reduced in-state graduate tuition rate, regardless of residency. For more information, visit www.cehd.udel.edu/students/grad-prog/graduate-tuitionaid.

Contact Us
To learn more about how you can apply to UD’s EdD program, contact our program coordinator: Danielle Ford (cehd-info@udel.edu)

“‘The ELP process has helped to drive my personal and professional growth. Guidance provided by the UD team challenged me to explore areas of my work that inevitably added tremendous depth to my products. The program has instilled in me the importance of thinking analytically about concepts during the decision making process.’”

–Jay Owens, Assistant Superintendent, Indian River School District