

DOCTORATE OF EDUCATION:
INSTRUCTIONAL
LEADERSHIP

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION



WESTERN
CONNECTICUT
STATE UNIVERSITY

Congratulations on your decision to consider Western Connecticut State University's Ed.D. in Instructional Leadership program. Western's program is unique in the state of Connecticut. In fact, only fifteen other institutions in the country offer such a doctorate.

Our Ed.D. program prepares classroom teachers and professional educators to assume leadership roles and to create innovative learning environments in their educational settings. Students will apply their knowledge of current leadership theory and practice, curriculum and instruction, and assessment and inquiry to real-life educational challenges. Skilled support will be provided by our excellent faculty, practitioners and mentors throughout the dissertation sequence. And students will remain with the same cohort over the course of the program, gaining peer support and opportunities for research collaboratives.

Applicants should submit all required materials to the Division of Graduate Studies. These will be reviewed, and selected candidates will be invited for an interview with the doctoral admissions review committee.

Western is proud of its Ed.D. in Instructional Leadership program, one supported by an advisory committee of scholars and administrators in the Connecticut/New York region. For additional information, please call the Division of Graduate Studies at (203) 837-8244 or email graduateadmissions@wcsu.edu.

Best wishes in your future studies.

Application for Admission

DATE OF APPLICATION _____

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) _____

MAIDEN NAME _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY, STATE) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Citizenship: US Citizen Permanent Visa F-1 Student Visa F-2 Student Visa Other Visa Status

Alien Information: Do you hold an Alien Registration Receipt Card (Green Card)?
 No Yes, please enclose photocopy of both sides of your Green Card. Alien No. _____

EMPLOYER _____ EMPLOYER TELEPHONE (INCLUDING AREA CODE) _____

EMPLOYER ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

How did you first hear about Western's Ed.D. Program? _____

EDUCATION: List all other colleges and universities attended:

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME	DATES ATTENDED	SPECIALIZATION/MAJOR	DEGREE EARNED	DEGREE DATE

(If needed, attach a separate sheet to indicate additional colleges)

EMPLOYMENT/TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

DATE	POSITION	EMPLOYER	ADDRESS

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TESTING INFORMATION:

TEST TAKEN	DATE TAKEN	SCORES

I certify that all of the information I have provided is accurate.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____

DATA: *(optional; for research use only)*

- Sex: Male Female
 Ethnicity: Native American African American White, Non-Hispanic
 Asian/Pacific Islander Hispanic Do Not Wish to Reply

Specific Educational Background

Please provide information indicating the specific institution(s) course number(s), course name(s), and grade(s) from your undergraduate or graduate transcripts pertaining to each of the following key educational areas and/or briefly describe your professional experience in each area.

1. Curriculum and instruction

2. Educational technology

3. Foundations of education

4. Measurement and evaluation

5. Special education

Personal Statement Regarding Your Professional Goals

Please respond to the two questions below. Your responses should be typed in double-spaced format and each answer should not exceed 350 words.

1. Explain your personal and professional reasons for seeking an Ed.D. in Instructional Leadership. Be specific as to knowledge base, skills and behaviors.
2. Describe a difficult or challenging situation that occurred in your educational setting and the leadership role you played in the resolution of that situation. Include a description of the personal attributes or characteristics that you employed.

Applicant Checklist

Please submit:

- _____ A completed application form.
- _____ A copy of your master's degree diploma (in education or a related field).
- _____ Evidence of three years of full-time educational experience in a K-12 setting:
 - a) a copy of your educator certificate(s)and;
 - b) a letter from an administrator who works in an accredited institution.
- _____ A one- to two-page resumé.
- _____ A \$100 nonrefundable application fee.
- _____ Official transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended; a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.67 for all previous graduate course work is required.
- _____ An official score of at least the 50th percentile rank on the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) is required if a cumulative graduate GPA is below 3.67. The MAT must be taken within the past five years. In addition, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required for all international students.
- _____ Three recommendations attesting to your professional educational qualifications and ability to complete a doctoral program. At least one of these recommendations must be completed by someone in a supervisory capacity in an educational setting. The official WCSU form must be used for the completion of all recommendations.
- _____ Three recommendations (use enclosed forms).

Selected candidates will be contacted for follow up interviews.
Application review begins March 1 and continues through August.

All materials should be sent to:

Doctoral Admissions Review Committee
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