The Doctor of Education Program at Edgewood College offers a unique educational experience that serves individuals who are called to make a remarkable difference in the educational lives of others. The program engages those who currently work in a PK-12 school or district, private or independent school, two or four year college or university, training role in government or business, a professional association or agency, or non-profit organization. The program is a standard of excellence for the preparation of educational leaders who aspire to promote ethical and humane work relationships, integrate theoretical knowledge and best practices, command global perspectives, lead inclusively, and critically integrate multiple perspectives in their work.

Grounded in a strong knowledge base, our students engage in research that is meaningful, relevant, and directed toward the improvement of the schools, districts, institutions of higher learning, and agencies for which they work. Professional practice is assessed in authentic work settings. Our program is infused with content mastery, collaborative experience in school districts, post-secondary institutions, and educational agencies, and the ethical foundations of change that benefit teaching and learning at all levels and in a variety of educational settings.

TWO DISTINCT CONCENTRATIONS ARE OFFERED

**PK-12 Administrative Leadership Ed.D** – fully online format prepares graduates for positions as principals, superintendents, and other school site district administrators. Additional K-12 administrative licenses can be integrated into the existing course sequence through portfolio review.

**Higher Education Leadership Ed.D** – fully online format prepares graduates for critical positions at 2-year and 4-year institutions as college presidents, student support services administrators, faculty, CEO’s for community and government agencies and other administrative leaders.

“"The Edgewood College doctoral program was a perfect fit for me! The program’s cohort model provided a superb collegial classroom environment with lasting friendships and wonderful networking opportunities. In the truest sense, the entire department is vested in the success of its doctoral students. I have encouraged everyone I know who is seriously considering the pursuit of a doctorate in Education to attend Edgewood College. If you are serious about it, you simply cannot go wrong!”

Dr. William C. McCoy
Class of 2010, Cohort VII Graduate
Director of BELIEF, Northern Illinois University

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- A continuous three and one-half year, 54 credit program leading to the Ed.D. degree.
- The content courses are completed in the first 36 credits, followed by 12 research credits, and 6 dissertation credits.
- Students progress through the course sequence as a cohort, learning from each other and developing a strong professional bond that continues after graduation.
- Students are supported by multiple professionals throughout their educational journey, including an advising community that consists of students, faculty advisors, writing specialists, editors, and working and retired professionals who provide guidance, support and expertise to dissertators at every stage of the research process.
- 85% of those who enroll complete their coursework and dissertation.
- Participation of past and present cohorts provide ongoing support and communication for current students, creating a valuable network of professional relationships.
- The coursework schedule is designed with the working professional in mind.
- Curriculum is integrated with research methods, academic writing, and leadership identity development.
- The Doctor of Education program is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for the superintendent license.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Provide evidence of a master’s degree from a United States regionally accredited or equivalent post-secondary institution with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for regular admission status. The cumulative grade point average is computed on the highest degree held at the time of application to the Edgewood College graduate program.

2. Complete and submit application (including $50 fee) to Graduate and Professional Studies Admissions.

3. Request that official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate academic credits received from any post-secondary institutions be sent directly to Graduate and Professional Studies Admissions.

4. Provide two letters of recommendation. One of the letters must attest to the applicant’s ability to be successful as a doctoral student. The second letter should give evidence of the applicant’s ability to collaborate with colleagues and demonstrate strength in leadership. Letters should be mailed directly to Graduate and Professional Studies Admissions, 1000 Edgewood College Dr, Madison, WI 53711.

5. Submit a letter of intent including a brief statement of the reason for pursuing the doctoral degree in educational leadership, and a brief discussion of how the program can help the applicant reach personal and professional goals.

6. Provide a resume or curriculum vitae that includes but is not limited to the areas listed below:
   • Education: Major(s), schools attended, degrees obtained and dates of attendance
   • Professional positions held
   • Presentations made to organizations, groups and professional associations
   • Honors/awards received
   • Memberships in professional and other organizations
   • Community Service: Name(s) of organizations, description of activities and positions held

7. For those in the PK-12 program, to qualify for the superintendent license, you must supply evidence of eligibility to hold a teacher or pupil services license in Wisconsin and demonstrate appropriate experience.

8. Applicants to the PK-12 Concentration must participate in an oral admissions interview, including a structured writing activity conducted at the time of the interview, with a panel of partnership members representing the Doctor of Education program. Interviews will be conducted through April. Applicants are advised of the interview schedule after application for admission to the Doctor of Education program. No interview is required for applicants to the Higher Education Concentration.

Applications can be completed online at:
www.edgewood.edu/apply

SCHEDULE AND DEADLINES

PK-12 CONCENTRATION – BLENDED LEARNING FORMAT
HIGH EDUCATION CONCENTRATION – FULLY ONLINE


We want to hear from you! For a personal consultation about our graduate programs,

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