

Instructional Management/Leadership Online PhD Program

Introduction

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Instructional Management and Leadership degree program is offered in the [School of Education and Social Sciences](#). This new online leadership three year (3) program will run simultaneously with the highly successful on-ground (face to face program) which is moving into its eleventh year.

Overview

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Instructional Management and Leadership degree program is designed to meet the needs and interests of working professionals such as teachers, administrators, college faculty, and corporate training and health professionals, and military personnel who wish to become better managers and leaders of the instructional process and/or seek to pursue teaching positions and administrative roles in higher education and in the corporate setting. The totally online delivery of the program will afford opportunities for students to participate from various locations with an experienced doctoral faculty and within a learning community of doctoral graduates who have accepted new administrative positions, teacher leader positions, and college teaching positions.

Highlights of the program include:

- Eighteen credits of coursework with a dual focus in instructional management and leadership
- Fifteen credits of research courses to prepare you for the dissertation, the culminating project of the program
- A time plan to meet the needs of working professionals

The program has a strong base in educational research while providing practical applications to issues and problems. A strong emphasis is placed on how educational and corporate leaders direct and manage research in order to bring resolve to important matters that affect students, clients, teachers and the community.

A major strength of the program is the developmental progression of research courses along with dissertation seminars which provide the skills needed to complete the coursework and dissertation in just three years. Each summer there will be a one (1) week residency requirement where students will be able to meet with faculty and engage in the dissertation process. This will include the Chapter 1 meeting, the Proposal defense meeting, and the Dissertation defense. Candidates will also have visual meetings using Skype to connect with his/her adviser. Blackboard will be the learning management system implemented in the online program.

The program start date will be Summer 2016, so further information will be forthcoming.

This online three-year program is based at the Moon Township campus location.

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The three-year online program has a unique format. Each year, students are admitted to the program in the summer semester and move through the program together as an online learning community. Students are enrolled in one class for each eight weeks during the Fall and Spring semesters and are enrolled in two classes during the summer semester which starts in May and ends in June of each year. All courses below are delivered online:

Year 1

Summer (6 credits)

Critical Readings in Educational Research (3)

Applying Instructional Technology (3)

One week residency

Fall (6 credits)

Qualitative Research (3)

Instructional Leadership in Curriculum Planning (3)

Spring (6 credits)

Quantitative Research (3)

Statistics I (3)

Year 2

Summer (3 credits)

Teaching in Higher Education/Technology, Leadership, Curriculum (3)

Introduction to the Dissertation (3)

One week residency w/Chapter 1 (adviser and committee)

Fall (7 credits)

Dissertation Seminar I (1)

Program Evaluation (3)

Law and Ethics in Education (3)

Spring (7 credits)

Dissertation Seminar II (1)

Leadership Theory (3)

Leadership Practice (3)

Year 3

Summer (8 credits)

Dissertation Seminar III (2)

International Perspectives (3)

Managing the Instructional Environment (3)

One week residency for proposal defense

Fall (8 credits)

Dissertation Seminar IV (2)

Writing for Publication (3)

Managing Finances and Budgets (3)

Spring (6 credits)

Dissertation Seminar V (6) Final Dissertation Defense

