College of Education  
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

All application materials must be received by the application deadline to receive full consideration. For application deadlines and entry terms, refer to the priority deadlines. International applicants and those with international transcripts should consult the International Requirements Page, for deadlines and other requirements, as they may differ.

- Complete graduate application form and submit the $55 non-refundable application fee. The fee is waived for Seattle University alumni and employees.
- Documentation recording an earned master’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States. A master’s degree from an international college or university will be evaluated internally to determine eligibility. Transcripts from all master-level or higher coursework is required.
- Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogy Test (MAT) taken within the last five years if calculated grade point average (GPA) on graduate-level coursework is below 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale); a minimum combined score of 293 on the verbal and quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Examination (General Test) or a 400 on the Miller's Analogy Test. One of these testing options is required for all who earn a master’s degree from a nongraded institution.
- College of Education Self-Evaluation Form.
- Current resume.
- Two completed College of Education recommendation forms provided in the application, one of which must be from a current or most immediate supervisor or mentor who will support the applicant during his or her enrollment period.
- A personal statement (no longer than 2 pages in length) describing the applicant’s prior experience as it relates to the requirements if the doctoral program to include the ability to effectively engage in doctoral-level studies and research; applicants must address, in their personal statement, their experience with social justice advocacy and organizational and social change; applicants must discuss how their experience fits within the mission of the doctoral program and that of Seattle University.
- Academic writing sample that demonstrates preparation for scholarly research and publication (i.e., graduate-level papers, scholarly publication, excerpt from thesis).
- Screened applicants invited to group interview with faculty members.
- Graduate and post baccalaureate applicants who received a baccalaureate degree or higher from Seattle University or a recognized college or university in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, Bahamas, Jamaica, Kenya, Singapore, and Trinidad and Tobago will not be required to submit English proficiency test scores. Students earning a degree in a country other than those listed above may provide official documentation from the degree-granting institution verifying that all instruction was in English. A minimum of three years of enrollment at the university is required. English proficiency may be met with an official TOEFL score of 86 (IBT), or the IELTS exam with a minimum score of 6.0; PTE score of 63; or Duolingo score of 110.
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