Requirements for Admission

- An earned baccalaureate degree and master’s degree with a cumulative GPA in upper division courses and/or graduate study of 3.0 or above
- GRE scores
- Demonstrated leadership experience
- Demonstrated academic excellence and problem-solving ability
- Three letters of recommendation
- A written statement of purpose reflecting understanding of the challenges facing community colleges/postsecondary education
- Professional resumé

To Apply

All applications are submitted online. To submit your application, go to: http://calstate.edu/apply

From this link you can access the CSU Mentor Application and all deadline dates for the process of applying.

Program Costs

The costs for this affordable degree will parallel that of doctoral programs at public universities within California. For more information on costs, see the University Tuition and Fees site at: http://bfa.sdsu.edu/fm/co/sfs/registration.html

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Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership

San Diego State University’s College of Education offers an independent Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership with a specialization in Community College/Postsecondary Education. Our program prepares leaders who are committed to educational justice, and provides them with the skills, knowledge, and attitudes essential to transforming education systems for student success. College and university faculty and practitioner experts collaborate to create a vibrant learning community that draws upon the issues and challenges facing Community College/Postsecondary Education leaders in their colleges. Doctoral candidates tackle real-world problems through their dissertation research and serve their organizations and institutions at the same time by informing and improving practice.

Unique Features Designed for Professionals

- Accommodates working professionals (classes held once a month and during summer intensives)
- Promotes leadership through a common core designed to foster collaboration and understanding across the education segments
- Explores theories of leadership, reflecting on practice and solving problems together through the cohort model
- Promotes systems-thinking and inquiry-based problem-solving appropriate to the community college/postsecondary education environment
- Addresses real-world problems through the dissertation
- Provides individual support for academic writing and the dissertation throughout the program
- Enables candidates to complete coursework and dissertation within 36 months

Unique Benefits of the SDSU Program

- Small seminars and research support courses (15 students)
- Mentoring opportunities
- Monthly class meetings blended with distance-learning
  - Fall and Spring courses occur once a month (face-to-face):
    - Courses meet Thursday (5:00–9:40 pm), Friday and Saturday (8:30 am–5:00 pm)
    - Online course delivery of content supplements monthly meetings
  - Two week summer residency at San Diego State University

Program Overview

Course of study:
60 units over three calendar years (including summers)

- Leadership core: Rethinking Leadership, Leadership for Diversity, Leadership for Change, and Developing Educational Systems (12 units)
- Research Support and Writing core (9 units)
- Research core: Quantitative Methods, Qualitative Methods, Advanced Methods, Program Evaluation (12 units)
- Dissertation (12 units)
- Specializations Community College/Postsecondary Education: Development & History, Law & Finance, Budget & Resource Management, Strategic Planning, and Emerging Issues (15 units)