

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Graduate School of Education

Leadership in Schooling (Ed.D.)

Requirements: Complete a minimum of 48 credits of doctoral level (600 or 700) course work with a cumulative grade of B (3.0) or better. The doctoral candidate must pass two (2) comprehensive examinations, satisfactorily complete and defend a dissertation as approved by the candidate's dissertation committee, and complete the program within eight (8) years from the date of admission.

Foundations of Education (min. 6 credits) 6

01.645 Perspectives and Visions of Schooling: I (3)
01.646 Perspectives and Visions of Schooling: II (3)

Research and Evaluation (min. 9 credits)* 9

07.701 Seminar in Data Analysis (3)
07.702 Seminar in Research Methodology and Design (3)
xx.xxx One Additional Course Approved by Advisor (3)

Specialization (min. 9 credits) 9

01.636 Sociocultural Contexts of Education (3)
05.650 Instructional Leadership and School Reform (3)
05.651 Transformative Leadership for Schools (3)

Leadership Seminars – Portfolio Development (min. 2 credits) 2

05.601 Seminar – Portfolio Development (1)
05.602 Seminar – Portfolio Development (2)

Leadership Seminars – Qualifying Paper Development (min. 2 credits) 2

05.701 Seminar – Qualifying Paper Development (1)
05.702 Seminar – Qualifying Paper Development (2)

Electives** (min. 8 credits) 8

Eight semester hours will be selected by the student with the advice and approval of the student's faculty advisor to provide an appropriate specialization in a professional field. Additional seminars (05.601/602 and 05.701/702) may be taken for elective credit.

Dissertation Planning*** (min. 12 credits) 12

Total: 48

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- (i) complete a minimum of 48** credits of doctoral level (600 or 700) course work with a cumulative grade of B (3.0) or better
- (ii) successfully defend a Comprehensive Portfolio
- (iii) complete a Qualifying Paper
- (iv) satisfactorily complete and defend a dissertation as approved by the candidate's dissertation committee
- (v) complete the program within eight (8) years from the date of admission.

* 07.640 *Introduction to Research Methods* is recommended as a prerequisite for candidates who lack a prior course in statistics. This course does not count as the third research course or as part of the 48 requirement.

** Candidates who successfully complete the NISL Executive Program in their school district may petition to waive 8 credits of elective coursework.

***In order to defend the dissertation, candidates must be enrolled for at least ONE credit (05.760). The one credit option is only available with permission of the chair.