The Doctorate of Education Leadership and Administration (Ed.D.) program at East Stroudsburg University is an academic degree for education practitioners seeking to lead in a learning environment as a teacher leader, a K–12 school administrator, or a higher education administrator. Upon completion of the coursework, doctoral candidates meeting eligibility requirements may qualify for a Pennsylvania Superintendent’s Letter of Eligibility.

The Ed.D. will prepare scholarly educational leaders by assisting students’ development of advanced skills in leadership and system design through practitioner-centered coursework, internship experiences, and research opportunities.

The Ed.D. degree incorporates a common core of courses — focusing on leadership theory, effective communication skills, education policy and politics, and research fundamentals — that embed opportunities for students to begin dissertation reading and research while completing coursework.

Culminating the nine-term course schedule, students will complete their dissertations on a chosen problem of practice. The dissertation will be guided by program faculty and researchers in the student’s and faculty member’s respective areas of expertise.

Hallmarks of ESU’s Ed.D. Program:

- Leadership retreats for professional growth
- Personal mentorship from faculty
- Supportive cohort network of professionals
- Job-embedded coursework experiences
- Research-based methods for evidence-based practice
NOTES: This academic map is a sample three-year schedule for completion of the Ed.D. degree program. Scheduling of courses and progression may vary for a cohort and should be discussed with an advisor.

In the Executive scheduling model, cohorts enroll in two classes per term (fall, spring, and summer. Each class incorporates five face-to-face weekend sessions at the Lehigh Valley Campus in Bethlehem, PA. Between face-to-face sessions, students complete asynchronous coursework via ESU’s learning management system. Throughout the three-year course cycle, students participate in leadership retreats and a job-embedded internship experience.

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