

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership (85 semester hours)

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership with a Concentration in Curriculum and Instruction (85 semester hours)

THESE PROGRAMS BEGIN IN THE SPRING OF EACH YEAR. WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS.

The Doctor of Education degree programs in Educational Leadership and Curriculum and Instruction are designed to accommodate the active life of practicing professionals who wish to assume leadership roles in K-12 settings. The programs are a blend of theory and practice designed to prepare school leaders who can work effectively in solving real issues of school improvement. The Doctor of Education degree requires a minimum of 85 semester hours (including a dissertation and research hours) above the master's degree. A cohort-based program will require students to be continuously enrolled once they have been admitted. The doctoral program consists of three stages: (1) Advanced Leadership and Practicum Stage (40 hours), (2) Leadership Cohort/Cognate/Research Design Stage (33 hours), and (3) Dissertation Stage (12 hours).

Admissions, Maintenance, and Graduation Requirements

Each applicant for admission to the Doctor of Education degree program must submit to the Dean of the Graduate School (P. O. Box 4029, Clinton, MS 39508) a complete dossier consisting of the following:

1. An application for admission with all information required.
2. A \$35.00 application fee (non-refundable; must accompany application) The Application Fee can now be paid online at the following web address: www.mc.edu/gradappfee
3. One copy of all official transcript(s) from previous collegiate work (associate's, bachelor's, master's, and education specialist's), and any transferable graduate credit. A minimum GPA of 3.25 is required on master's, or specialist's, degree work from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning.
4. All applicants who have earned an education specialist degree in educational leadership and are seeking the Class AAAA Standard Educator License must provide a photocopy of their Class AAA Standard Educator License issued from the Mississippi Department of Education. All applicants who have earned a master's degree in education and are seeking the Class AAAA license must provide a photocopy of their Class AA license. Applications will not be processed without this documentation.
5. A minimum of five (5) years of documented educational experience.
6. A minimum of two (2) years of documented experience in a leadership role.
7. An essay of not more than 750 words on the reasons for seeking the Doctor of Education degree and a summary of personal and professional goals.
8. Three (3) letters of recommendation from professionals who can evaluate the candidate's potential for success as an educational leader.
9. Portfolio of candidate's work as a professional educator.

Written notification will be provided to each candidate as to his/her admission status.

The Mississippi College Web Page www.mc.edu has helpful information available including the Graduate Catalog and the Class Schedule. The Class Schedule can be found on Banner Web at: <http://www.mc.edu/banner/index.php>. If you have any questions, please let us know.