



Lead equitable  
educational  
organizations

The **Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership** online (EDL online) program, which results in an EdD degree, will prepare you to understand and apply relevant research and theory as a leader of K-12 classrooms, schools and districts. Designed to accommodate your schedule as a working professional, this three-year program trains you to become a critically conscious leader with the skills to address inequities in education that affect learning opportunities and outcomes.

*The EDL online program is only offered for the K-12 Leadership in Urban School Settings concentration.*



3  
YEARS TO  
COMPLETE

43  
MINIMUM  
UNITS

### DISSERTATION IN PRACTICE

The dissertation in practice is a doctoral dissertation with a more practical focus than a traditional dissertation. Under the guidance of faculty in your concentration, you will apply relevant research methods to tackle a problem of practice that impedes access to equitable educational opportunities and outcomes. The purpose of the dissertation in practice is to equip you with the knowledge and skills you will use to address existing problems in your workplace well beyond your completion of the program.

### ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Classes are conducted live in a real-time virtual classroom environment. The live sessions are facilitated by faculty and include highly interactive, engaging and collaborative discussions. Prior to attending live sessions, you will complete assignments submitted through the learning management system.

### DESIGNED FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS

Prior to the dissertation phase in your third year, you will take classes only one evening per week from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. PT.

### ON-CAMPUS IMMERSION

As a student in the program, you are strongly encouraged to attend an immersion experience on the USC University Park Campus a few weeks before the program start date. The immersion experience, which includes the orientation to the program, will provide the opportunity to meet your classmates and faculty members, develop the academic skills necessary for success in the program and explore a process for critical reflection. Travel and accommodations for the immersion are not included in the cost of the program.

### SAMPLE COURSES

- Foundations of Urban Education
- Foundations in Leadership in Education
- Power, Diversity and Equity
- Leading for Instructional Improvement
- Education Policy and Politics

80+

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SITTING SUPERINTENDENTS



### TUITION

Tuition for 2022–23 is \$2,137 per unit.

- Year 1: 18 units
  - Year 2: 17 units
  - Year 3: 8 units
- Total: 43 units

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Scholarships starting at \$10,000 are awarded to exemplary applicants. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, demonstrated dedication to advancing educational equity and other distinguishing characteristics. Applicants who complete an application by rounds one or two will receive primary consideration.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Applicants for this program must have a master's degree from an accredited institution, a minimum three years of relevant full-time work experience and leadership experience.

- Online application
- Transcripts for application review from each postsecondary institution attended
- Official transcripts from each postsecondary institution attended
- Résumé/CV
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- Video response
- Timed writing assessment
- *International applicants only:* TOEFL or IELTS scores
- \$90 nonrefundable application fee

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

|          | APPLICATION DEADLINE | NOTIFICATION DATE |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Round 1* | November 1, 2022     | January 6, 2023   |
| Round 2* | January 15, 2023     | February 24, 2023 |
| Round 3  | March 15, 2023       | April 17, 2023    |
| Round 4† | June 12, 2023        | Every two weeks   |

\*scholarship priority deadlines

†rolling admission, based on available space



# What sets the USC Rossier EDL online program apart?

**CALIFORNIA'S LEADING EdD PROGRAM:** Join USC's renowned Trojan alumni network, which includes more than 3,000 EDL program alumni, 80+ sitting superintendents and numerous senior-level K-12 and university administrators, instructional experts and entrepreneurial educators.

**FOCUS ON EDUCATIONAL EQUITY:** Benefit from a doctoral program that emphasizes mastery of the critical issues in communities that serve historically marginalized individuals.

**MANAGEABLE SCHEDULE:** Attend classes online starting at 5 p.m. PT while continuing to work full time.

**RELEVANT COURSEWORK:** Implement the theories you are learning immediately in your workplace.

**DOCTORAL SUPPORT CENTER:** Obtain assistance and feedback on assignments to improve the logical flow and organization of your writing.

**FACULTY COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS:** Learn from leading professors and top practitioners dedicated to supporting your growth and challenging your perspective.

## **YOUR MISSION AND OUR MISSION ALIGNED**

The USC Rossier School of Education prepares leaders to advance educational equity in urban settings and beyond. USC Rossier draws on innovative thinking and collaborative research to improve learning opportunities and outcomes, address disparities, challenge inequitable systems of power and solve the most intractable problems in education.

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