ADMISSION INFORMATION

SCHOOL OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
Educational Administration

Admissions Packet Contents:

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NOTICE: All applications for OSU are now processed online; you can find the information for online application on the Graduate College webpage: http://gradcollege.okstate.edu/ Go to the Prospective Student Resources title on the left-hand side of the webpage to begin the online application process.

APPLICATION CHECK LIST
Use this checklist to organize your documents.

☐ Graduate College Application completed____________________(date)
☐ School Administration Program Application____________________(date)
☐ Application Fee Paid
☐ Academic Vita/Resume
☐ Critical Issue Essay
☐ Career Objective Essay
☐ 3 Recommendation Letters:
   List references and the date you requested their recommendation:

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☐ Two Writing Samples

☐ GRE Scores:
Date requested that test scores be forwarded to OSU _______________________

☐ Additional Materials submitted ____________________________
APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Admission to the School Administration Program requires a two-step process. Potential students must first be admitted to the OSU Graduate College; this step should be followed immediately by application for admission to the Doctor of Education in School Administration program in the School of Educational Studies. Students who take graduate classes without admission to a degree program (step two) are classified as “special students.” Special students can apply no more than 9 graduate hours to a degree program; therefore, it is critical to complete the second step as soon as possible.

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Application for program admission involves the collection and submission of materials to submit with the online application. Prospective students should give special attention to each required item since these materials are the primary source of information for admission decisions. The program faculty review applications for admission to doctoral degree programs once a year. The application deadline is March 15. Admission reviews are initiated when all required components are uploaded to the online application; incomplete applications are not considered. Items to be provided prior to the review process are listed below.

ACADEMIC VITA/RESUME
A current vita/resume that includes academic and professional background and experiences should be provided.

CAREER OBJECTIVES and CRITICAL ISSUE ESSAYS
Two essays are required of all applicants. The Critical Issue Essay should be prepared according to the stated guidelines. This document is used to assess the student’s understanding of current issues in the profession. (See critical issue essay guidelines in this packet.) The second essay is a statement of career objectives. It should also be prepared according to stated application guidelines. This statement will be used to assess the congruence between a student’s goals and the degree program into which the applicant is seeking admission. (See career objective essay guidelines in this packet.)

WRITING SAMPLES
Two examples of written work, such as articles, position papers, exams, or theses should be provided. After notification of admission decisions, applicants may pick up these materials at the Graduate Studies Office. School faculty may request additional writing samples. These writing samples are in addition to the two required essays.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Three administrators, supervisors and/or university faculty other than program faculty should submit letters of recommendation. At least one of the references should be from a previous or current faculty member who has knowledge of the applicant’s scholarship. If prospective students elect to have confidential recommendations, they have waived their access to them. Applicants are advised to periodically check the online website to ensure that all recommendations have been received.

TEST DATA
Applicants should authorize a testing agency to send their scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) to the Graduate Records Office. The GRE is offered at many sites. At OSU Stillwater, the GRE is given at University Testing and Evaluation Service, 107 UAT Bldg. (1524 W. Admiral), 405/744-5958; at OSU Tulsa, the GRE can be taken at Sylvan Learning Center, 918/249-0820. The expected minimum GRE scores are 450 (150) Verbal and 450 (141) Quantitative.

INTERVIEW
Program faculty may request an interview with applicants.

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PROGRAM AREA GOALS STATEMENT
The goal of the School Administration program is to foster the improvement of education institutions through leadership. The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) is designed to aid in the development of skills necessary to analyze and resolve educational issues and work in diverse contexts.

Program faculty seek to recruit individuals who will profit from the degree program, make significant contributions to educational organizations, and demonstrate the potential for the following:

- individual growth
- leadership
- fostering learning-centered environments
- advocating education

CAREER OBJECTIVE ESSAY GUIDELINES
• Describe your specific career objectives for the immediate future and five years beyond. Discuss the way(s) that your selected degree program (School Administration) will help you achieve these objectives.

• Your statement should be brief—no more than one page, formatted with standard margins, double-spacing, and 12-pt. font.

CRITICAL ISSUE ESSAY GUIDELINES
Writing and thinking are critical for success throughout all doctoral programs. For this reason, the faculty requires written essays of all prospective students who seek admission to our program areas. The faculty will examine applicants’ responses for clarity, organization, focus, and ample development of major points related to the topic.

• Essay Topic: Based on your interest in educational leadership, identify one issue in your intended field of study (School Administration) and provide a critical examination of this issue.

• Your essay should be two to three pages in length and formatted following APA, with standard margins, double-spacing, and 12-pt. font.

REFERENCE LETTERS
Your online application should include three reference letters.
Your references will be asked to respond to questions by providing a rating; they also should be able to provide information about your individual growth as an educator and ability to foster learning-centered environments; ability to advocate for education; your scholarship and academic performance; your leadership performance and potential.

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A minimum of (72) semester hours beyond the master's degree to include the following:

**General EDLE Doctoral Core**  
9 hours

- EDLE 6483  School Leadership, Culture and Ethics
- EDLE 6493  School Improvement/Reform
- EDLE 6603  Organizational Theory in Education

**Inquiry Core**  
18 hours

- EDLE 6853  Research Traditions in Educational Leadership
- SCFD 6123  Qualitative Research I
- SCFD 6193* Qualitative Research II
- REMS 6003* Analysis of Variance

*Six additional research hours (approval of committee chair required)*
- REMS 6013* Multiple Regression Analysis
- REMS 6373* Program Evaluation
- REMS 5373* Educational Measurement

*Alternate research courses may be taken with committee approval.*

**Option Area: Educational Administration**  
18 hours

**Required Core**
- EDLE 6423  The Politics of Education
- EDLE 6453  Special Topics in Education Law
- EDLE 6363  Special Topics in School Finance Policy

**Electives**
- EDLE 6003  Educational Ideas
- EDLE 6263  Professional Development and Instructional Improvement
- EDLE 6333  The Business Function in School Administration
- EDLE 6343  Problem Solving in School Administration
- EDLE 6353  The Superintendency
- EDLE 6393  The Human Factor in Administering Schools
- EDLE 6573  Special Topics in Education Facilities
- EDLE 6633  School Leadership and Community Collaboration
- EDLE 6733  Planning and Educational Change
- EDLE 6823  Educational Leadership
- REMS 5953  Statistical Methods in Education

**Cognate or Electives with a Thematic Focus**  
12 hours

**Independent Research (dissertation)**  
Minimum of 15 hours

*Note: Cognate courses, selected electives and any additional courses require committee approval.*

*Denotes classes with prerequisites*