The goal of the program is to foster the improvement of educational institutions through leadership, research and theory development. The Ph.D. is designed to aid in the development of skills necessary to analyze and resolve educational issues and work in diverse contexts.
APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must complete and submit the following by March 15:

- OSU Graduate College application online at [grad.college.okstate.edu/apply](http://grad.college.okstate.edu/apply)
- Non-refundable application fee
- Transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Academic vita/resume
- Career objectives and critical issues essay
- Writing samples
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official GRE test scores (within the last five years)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Currently enrolled graduate students who are pursuing degrees through the OSU College of Education, Health and Aviation are eligible for EHA scholarships. For more information, please visit [education.okstate.edu/scholarships](http://education.okstate.edu/scholarships). Additionally, the program has graduate assistantships for select students, which covers the cost of in-state tuition and includes a monthly stipend. Prospective students are encouraged to contact the program coordinator for more information.

MORE INFORMATION

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COURSEWORK

A minimum of 72 hours beyond the master’s degree to include:

Degree 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
- AND six additional research hours (approval of committee chair required)

Option Area — 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 — 12 hours

Research/Dissertation — 15 hours