

A student must complete the course and credit requirements as defined on this curriculum sheet to be a candidate for the Doctorate of Education (EdD). Additional policies, procedures and requirements may be found in the current Graduate University Catalog.

**Admission Requirements:**

A master's degree in a field related to the student's preferred area of concentration from a regionally accredited institution with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. A graduate GPA less than 3.5 also requires a GRE score of 155 or higher or a MAT percentile of 65 or higher.

**Credit Requirements:**

A minimum of 54 credits is required for this degree.

A maximum of 6 credits earned in a doctoral program can be transferred in prior to acceptance.

An evaluation of transcripts will be necessary to determine the required coursework.

**Grade Requirements**

The minimum major and cumulative GPA of 3.0, (B) average is required to remain in good standing. One grade of C+ is permitted but a 3.0 grade point average must be maintained throughout the program. Students may retake a maximum of 2 courses in which they earned a C or C+. Students may retake an individual course only one time. Students may not earn any grade below a C and remain in the program.

**PA Letter of Eligibility**

There are three (3) prerequisite Educational Administration courses: EDU571 - The Principalship, EDU574 - School Law and Policy Decisions, and EDU576 - Human Resources and Staff Development, as part of the Letter of Eligibility. Three (3) courses (\*\*) and two (2) practicum experiences (\*\*\*\*) are identified in this doctoral program for the Letter of Eligibility. PDE requires 360 hours, 2 semesters, of central office practicum hours for Letter of Eligibility for Superintendent. PA requires 3 years of prior professional experience in an educational setting relating to the instructional process and evidence of satisfactory achievement on the required test for Letter of Eligibility.

Curriculum sheets for all education programs at Gwynedd Mercy University are subject to change pending program specific competency changes in certification by the PA Department of Education. New regulations in 22 PA Code Chapter 49 may result in changes for teacher education programs at Gwynedd Mercy University.

**MAJOR**

**Foundation Courses for Educational Leadership - 27 credits**

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|--------|--|---|--|--|--|
| EDU801 | Educational Policy in Research & Practice in the US* **            | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU802 | Organizational Research & Theory Development                       | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU803 | Statistical Analysis, Methods and Research                         | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU804 | Cross-Cultural Perspectives & Educational Leadership               | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU805 | Ethics of Educational Leadership & Policy*                         | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU806 | Equity, Equality & Equal Opportunity                               | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU807 | Advanced Statistical Analysis, Qualitative & Quantitative Research | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU808 | Technology, Data & Program Evaluation                              | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU809 | Global Educational Policy & Practice*                              | 3 |  |  |  |

**Concentration Courses for Educational Administration - 15 credits**

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| EDU821 | The Superintendency**  | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU822 | School Boards & School District Governance**                   | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU824 | Transformational Leadership, Supervision, & School Turn-Around | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU825 | Labor Relations & Fiscal Management                            | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU842 | School Law & Policy in Special Education                       | 3 |  |  |  |

**Dissertation Advisement Courses - 12 credits**

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| EDU811 | Dissertation Advisement I: Hypotheses & Research Guiding Questions | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU812 | Dissertation Advisement II: Research, Theory & Procedures          | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU813 | Dissertation Advisement III: Design, Methodology & Procedures      | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU814 | Dissertation Advisement IV: Findings and Conclusions               | 3 |  |  |  |

**Practicum Experience - Letter of Eligibility and/or ABD option Only - 6 credits**

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| EDU828 | School District Practicum I***  | 3 |  |  |  |
| EDU829 | School District Practicum II*** | 3 |  |  |  |

\*Residency Courses

Students admitted under the ABD option shall have an individualized plan to insure that they meet all program and course objectives. They shall complete a minimum of 27 credit hours which may include a practicum.

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