Be a leader to adults as well as students.

UND’s 100% online doctorate in education in Educational Practice and Leadership will prepare you to step into leadership roles. Designed for working educators, the education doctorate opens the door for teacher career advancement. Be in demand as a school principal, superintendent, college faculty, director, or college administrator.

Program Snapshot
- Program type: Doctoral Degree
- Format: Online
- Est. time to complete: 3 years
- Credit hours: 90

Why Earn a Doctor of Education Degree Online?

The University of North Dakota's doctor of education program is designed specifically for educators, administrators, and leaders working in P–12, early childhood, or higher education. Work full-time while completing your doctorate in education online within three years. Your workplace can serve as a laboratory of practice for coursework and dissertation in practice.

Specialized Areas

Enroll in both a centralized core and choose a specialization area. You may further customize your Ed.D. program by studying across disciplines.

Higher Education (HE)

The HE area prepares administrators or professors for leadership in an academic discipline at a college or university.

School Leadership (SL)

The SL is designed primarily for practitioners preparing for school administration positions including elementary, middle school, and secondary principals; superintendents; curriculum directors, and other school district central office positions. Upon completion of the SL degree, depending on state licensure credential requirements, a student generally will have completed many, if not all, coursework which will lead to an administrative credential. Admissions for the SL program will begin fall 2020 for students to enroll.

Special Education (SPED)

The SPED area is focused on preparing experienced professionals for the role as an educational diagnostician. You'll evaluate students to determine services and effective programming, as well as provide leadership at the school and district levels to inform special education policies and practices.

Teacher Education (TE)

The TE area prepares professors of education at a college or university or as an educational specialist to teachers in PK-12 schools.
Application Deadlines

**FALL: MARCH 15**  
**SPRING: OCTOBER 15**

Education Doctoral Program

- The doctorate in education degree is offered 100% online, and specialization tracks may be both synchronous and asynchronous.
- You may complete an internship under the supervision of expert practitioners who will engage you in multiple diverse educational settings.
- Interdisciplinary core focuses on innovation, equity and leadership to meet the needs of diverse educational environments.
- Student-selected research pathways include action research, classroom-based inquiry, program evaluation and learning analytics.

Career Growth in Education Administration

**10.7%**  
Anticipated growth for education administration jobs

**159k+**  
Median annual salary for school superintendents

*Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Depending on your specialization, earning your doctorate in education can prepare you for positions in:

- The P–12 setting (educator, administrator, specialist, director)
- Higher education (college professor, dean or administration)
- Private organizations (CEO, human resources)
- Public institutions and civil service (non-profit director, armed services or police leader, education lobbyist)