



Department of Educational Leadership Studies (EDL)  
 College of Education  
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 Lexington, KY 40506-0017  
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**Application for Admission**

Legal name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work location: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for admission to the following program:

- Master of Education (MEd) Degree in
  - School Administration
  - School Technology Leadership
  - Teacher Leadership
- Specialist in Education (EdS) Degree in
  - School Technology Leadership
  - Teacher Leadership
- Doctor of Education (EdD) in Educational Leadership Studies
- Interdisciplinary Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Education Sciences<sup>1</sup>
  - Educational Leadership Studies Strand
  - School Technology Leadership Strand

Through the degree program selected above, I am seeking professional certification as

- Instructional Leadership—School Principal (K-12)
- Supervisor of Instruction
- School Superintendent
- Teacher Leader Endorsement
- Certification Only (CERTE) in Educational Leadership Studies for
  - Graduate Certificate in School Technology Leadership
  - School Superintendent
  - Supervisor of Instruction
  - Teacher as Leader Endorsement

Anticipated enrollment (semester/year): \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> PhD candidates should complete page 1 of the application only, then follow the application guidelines for the PhD as outlined on the Interdisciplinary PhD in Education Sciences website at <http://education.uky.edu/ADeanRI/phd-education-sciences>

A complete application file to the Department of Educational Leadership Studies includes the following documents that you, the applicant, are responsible for submitting. Your application file will not be reviewed until all information has been received.

1. **Application for Admission** form (page 1 of this document).
2. **Professional Resume** (limited to 2 pages) that provides your name and contact information as well as postsecondary education (all degrees, years awarded, institution names, emphasis area), work experiences, education certifications, professional memberships.
3. **Official transcripts** from all postsecondary institutions that you attended. Request that transcripts be mailed to the attention of the Director of Graduate Studies, EDL 111 Dickey Hall, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0017.
4. **ALL Applicants—Professional Essay** (3-5 double-spaced pages, word-processed in either Times New Roman 12-point or Ariel 10-point, page numbers and your name in upper right corner). If you cite literature or resources to support your comments, then you must adhere to the academic writing guidelines provided in 6th edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*.
  - **Part I:** Provide background about your experiences as an educational leader and share how these experiences have prompted you to enroll in a graduate program in educational leadership studies. Share your career aspirations and explain how completing an EDL program will assist you in achieving your professional goals. In seeking initial certification as school leader, be specific about your short-term plans for seeking placement as an educational administrator.
  - **Part II:** Articulate your beliefs, perceptions, and reflections about each of the following four themes related to effective educational leadership: (a) a vision of success, (b) a focus on learning and teaching, (c) an engagement of all stakeholders, and (d) a demonstration of ethical practice.
5. **Teacher Leadership Program Applicants Only—Professional Reflection** (3-5 double-spaced pages, word-processed in either Times New Roman 12-point or Ariel 10-point, page numbers and your name in upper right corner). Describe how your classroom evidences the components of highly effective teaching and learning (i.e., learning climate, classroom assessment and reflection, instructional rigor and student engagement, instructional relevance, knowledge of content). If you cite literature or resources to support your comments, then you must adhere to the academic writing guidelines provided in 6th edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*.
6. **EdD Applicants Only—Professional Reflection** (3-5 double-spaced pages, word-processed in either Times New Roman 12-point or Ariel 10-point, page numbers and your name in upper right corner). Select one of the complex and sometimes controversial issue sets listed below, explain briefly your understanding of the issue set you selected, and then discuss what it means to provide responsible educational leadership to address those issues. If you cite literature or resources to support your comments, then you must adhere to the academic writing guidelines provided in 6th edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*.
  - Learning, teaching and professional ethics
  - Interaction of student characteristics (e.g., social class, gender, native language, exceptionality, ethnicity) and accountability testing
  - New organizational structures for schools, political demands, and fiscal limitations.
7. **EdD in Educational Leadership Studies with Principal Certification.** Applicants must provide the following supporting documentation with their application for admission:
  - Professional resume
  - Statement of the applicant’s dispositions for educational leadership
  - Evidence of improving student learning
  - Evidence of advanced knowledge of curriculum, instruction and assessment
  - Evidence of leadership at the building level within a school
  - Two recommendation forms from persons who have direct knowledge of the applicant’s skills/ability related to leadership; curriculum, instruction and assessment; and improving student learning (one recommendation must be from a principal/supervisor or superintendent/designee)
8. **List of professional references** (page 3 of this document)

I hereby apply for admission to the Department of Educational Leadership Studies. I understand that I must be accepted by **both** the UK Graduate School and the Department of Educational Leadership Studies. I have asked the individuals listed on page 3 to complete the professional reference form and send the completed form directly to the Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Educational Leadership Studies. I have also requested that official transcripts from all my undergraduate and graduate work be sent by the appropriate institution(s) to the attention of the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Educational Leadership Studies **and** to the UK Graduate School Admissions Office.

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Signature

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Date

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Please provide contact information requested below for the four individuals to whom you sent a Professional Reference form (available on EDL Web site). When completed, these forms should be returned directly to the Director of Graduate Studies of Educational Leadership Studies (address above).

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