

Doctor of Education (EdD) in Special Education Leadership 2026-2027 Official Degree Plan



Degree Requirements

(all courses required for major must be completed with "B" or higher)

COURSES	HOURS
Educational Leadership Core	
EDLD 7300 Seminar in Doctoral Studies in Executive Educational Leadership	3
EDLD 7302 Leadership Theory and Applications	3
EDLD 7306 Introduction to Academic Writing and Research	3
EDLD 7307 Christian Worldview for Educational Leaders	3
EDLD 7308 Ethical Leadership and Governance	3
EDSU 7303 Public Policy in Education	3
EDSU 7310 Program Evaluation	3
EDSU 7321 District Finance, Plant Planning, and Management	3
Total Leadership Core	24
Research Core	
EDLR 7310 Accountability and Measurement for Current Issues in Education	3
EDLR 7311 Methods of Quantitative Educational Research	3
EDLR 7312 Qualitative Research Methodology	3
EDLR 7323 Applied Research in Education	3
EDLR 7399 Dissertation Defense Preparation	3
Total Research Core	15
Special Education Leadership Requirements	
EDSP 7321 Legal Issues and Policies in Special Education	3
EDSP 7322 District and Community Relations for Special Education Leaders	3
EDSP 7323 Personnel Preparation and Collaboration in Special Education	3
EDSP 7324 Instructional Practices in Special Education	3
EDSP 7325 Field Experience in Special Education Leadership	3
Total Superintendent Requirements	15
Total Hours in Degree	54

Additional Graduation Requirements

- No grade below a "B" may be applied to the degree
- No more than two grades of "F" may be earned during the program. Upon earning a third "F" the student will be removed from the program.
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 in EdD program courses
- Admitted to Candidacy
- Completion of a comprehensive portfolio
- Recommendation from Department
- Candidate must complete degree within six years
- Transfer credits from another college or university will be reviewed and approved by the college and department

Filing a Degree Plan

All graduate students must have an official signed and approved degree plan on file with the Office of Academic Records by the end of their first semester of enrollment. Students should contact their academic advisor to begin the process. For questions, email degreeplans@HC.edu.

Applying for Graduation

Undergraduate students should apply for graduation through HuskyNet at least one semester before their anticipated graduation date. An official degree plan must be on file before the application can be accessed. More information about applying for graduation, including deadlines, can be found on the [Graduation Application website](#). For questions, email grad@HC.edu.

Degree Works

Access Degree Works through the [HCU Student Portal \(my.HC.edu\)](#) to view your degree plan status, graduation application status, and track your progress to graduation. For questions, contact your academic advisor.

University Catalog

The University Catalog is the official record of academic policies. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the information in the catalog, including attendance policies, transfer credit policies, academic standing information, and course descriptions. The catalog can be found on the [HCU Catalog website](#).

Acknowledgment and Signatures

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to abide by all requirements on the degree plan. This degree plan is not valid until received & processed by the Office of Academic Records.

Student Name (Printed) _____

Student H# _____

HCU Email _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Advisor Signature _____

Date _____

Office of Academic Records Use Only

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