



## **Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership**

EC – 12 Leadership | Higher Education Leadership | Business & Financial Leadership

**Emphasizing Educational Leadership in Rural Settings**

# Curriculum & Course Scheduling Guide



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**Educational Leadership Ed.D. Curriculum**

**EDLD Cognate Courses (12 SCH Required)**

EDLD 6332 – Ethics in Educational Leadership **3**  
EDLD 6336 – Organization Theory **3**

EDLD 6340 – Leadership in Education **3**  
EDLD 6356 – Power, Myth, and Memes **3**



**Rural Emphasis Courses (9 SCH Required)**

EDLD 6381 – Decision-Making in Rural Education **3**  
and 6 SCH from:

\*ECON 6300 – Topics in Contemporary Economic Theory **3**      EMA 6310 – Emergency Management and Response **3**  
EDLD 6380 – Race, Equity, and Leadership in Rural Education **3**      SOCI 6315 – Demographics of Rural Communities **3**

\* Required for candidates in the Educational Business / Finance pathway



**Research Courses (24 SCH Required)**

EDLD 6000 – Scholarly Delivery (1-12) **12**  
- and -

RSCH 6326 – Research Designs **3**

RSCH 6311 – Quantitative Research Designs **3**  
RSCH 6313 – Qualitative Research Designs **3**

and 3 SCH from:

RSCH 6312 – Advanced Quantitative Data Analysis **3**  
RSCH 6315 – Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis **3**

RSCH 6314 – Mixed Methods Designs **3**

**Pathway Options**

**EC-12 Leadership Pathway**  
(15 SCH Required)

ACCT 6300 – Financial Accounting **3**  
CIDM 6310 – Information Technology Management **3**  
EDLD 6304 – Public Education (EC-12) Law **3**  
\*EDLD 6320 – Executive Leadership of the Educational Community **3**  
EDLD 6321 – Introduction to Community and Junior Colleges **3**  
\*EDLD 6322 – Executive Administrative Leadership **3**  
EDLD 6323 – Leadership Skills for Two-Year Institutions **3**  
\*EDLD 6324 – Executive Instructional Leadership **3**  
EDLD 6325 – Leadership Challenges for Two-Year Institutions **3**  
EDLD 6360 – Education Policy **3**  
EDSP 6364 – Legal Issues and Special Populations **3**  
FIN 6300 – Managerial Finance **3**  
- and/or -  
Other content concentration course(s) approved by the program director

**\* Required for Texas superintendent certification**

**Higher Education Leadership Pathway**  
(15 SCH Required)

ACCT 6300 – Financial Accounting **3**  
CIDM 6310 – Information Technology Management **3**  
EDLD 6321 – Introduction to Community and Junior Colleges **3**  
EDLD 6323 – Leadership Skills for Two-Year Institutions **3**  
EDLD 6325 – Leadership Challenges for Two-Year Institutions **3**  
EDLD 6351 – Introduction to Higher Education **3**  
EDLD 6354 – History and Future of Higher Education **3**  
EDLD 6360 – Education Policy **3**  
EDLD 6361 – Higher Education Law **3**  
FIN 6300 – Managerial Finance **3**  
- and/or -  
Other content concentration course(s) approved by the program director

**Educational Business/Finance Leadership Pathway**  
(15 SCH Required)

ACCT 6300 – Financial Accounting **3**  
CIDM 6310 – Information Technology Management **3**  
EDLD 6382 – Educational Resource Management **3**  
FIN 6300 – Managerial Finance **3**  
FIN 6316 – Financial Statement Analysis and Forecasting **3**  
- and/or -  
Other content concentration course(s) approved by the program director

Refer to [Graduate Catalog](#) for course descriptions and associated information.



**Course Rotation Schedule**

Categories and Courses		Spring	Summer 1	Summer 2	Fall
<b>EDLD Cognate</b>	EDLD 6332				✓
	EDLD 6336		✓		
	EDLD 6340	✓			
	EDLD 6356	✓			
<b>Rural Emphasis</b>	+ECON 6300				✓
	EDLD 6380				✓
	EDLD 6381	✓			
	EMA 6310		✓		
	SOCI 6315		✓		
<b>Research</b>	RSCH 6311	✓			
	RSCH 6312				✓
	RSCH 6313				✓
	RSCH 6314	✓			
	RSCH 6315				✓
	RSCH 6326			✓	
<b>Pathway Options</b>	ACCT 6300	✓	✓		
	CIDM 6310	✓	✓		
	EDLD 6304			✓	
	*EDLD 6320	✓			
	EDLD 6321				✓
	*EDLD 6322			✓	
	EDLD 6323	✓			
	*EDLD 6324				✓
	EDLD 6325			✓	
	EDLD 6351			✓	
	EDLD 6354	✓			
	EDLD 6360				✓
	EDLD 6361	✓			
	EDLD 6382	✓		✓	✓
	EDSP 6364				✓
	FIN 6300	✓			✓
FIN 6316	✓			✓	

*Note:* Merged cells between Summer 1 and Summer 2 are extended summer courses beginning in early June and ending in mid-August.

\* Required for Texas Superintendent Certificate

+ Required for Educational Business and Finance Pathway



**Research Courses: EDLD 6000 Scholarly Delivery**

All Ed.D. candidates are required to complete 60 semester credit hours (SCH) derived from a combination of 48 SCHs of course work (which includes approved transfer and/or competency credit) plus 12 SCHs of EDLD 6000 Scholarly Delivery. EDLD 6000 is designed for your engagement in fulfilling the qualifying exam and scholarly delivery requirements. EDLD 6000 is a variable hour course. You have the flexibility to register for one, two, or three SCHs of credit each semester. The sections and associated SCH assignments are displayed in Table 1.

**Table 1**  
*EDLD 6000 Section and SCH Assignments*

Faculty	Fall/Spring EDLD 6000 Variable SCH Sections			Summer EDLD 6000 Variable SCH Sections		
	1 SCH	2 SCH	3 SCH	1 SCH	2 SCH	3 SCH
Bigham	70	71	72	50	51	52
Harper	73	74	75	53	54	55
Hindman	76	77	78	56	57	58
Hooper	79	80	81	59	60	61
Henderson	82	83	84	62	63	64
Johnson	85	86	87	65	66	67
Peoples	88	89	90	68	69	70

*Note:* Summer sections designated as 50s and 60s extend across both SU1 and SU2 semesters, beginning in early June and ending in mid-August.

Once candidates enroll in their first EDLD 6000 course, they **must remain continuously enrolled** in at least one SCH of EDLD 6000 until graduation. In most cases, candidates are advised to enroll in only one SCH for the first few semesters, which saves hours for use as they approach graduation. In the event that candidates may need an additional semester or two beyond the prescribed 3-year timeframe to graduate, they can use those “saved” hours to avoid the additional cost of adding hours to the minimum 12 SCHs required. However, candidates still must manage EDLD 6000 hours tightly because the maximum that can be taken in any single semester is three. Occasionally candidates need to enroll in two or three hours in some semesters early in their program to meet financial aid minimum hour eligibility requirements. In short, each candidate’s situation dictates the manner in which they manage these hours and the responsibility belongs to the candidate.

**Required Enrollment Sequence**

Scholarly Delivery enrollment is reserved for (a) identifying the candidates’ problems of practice and writing their pedagogical case study (scholarly deliverable #1), (b) writing their qualifying exam (QE), and (c) working with their doctoral committee in conducting their own empirical research and writing their manuscripts (scholarly deliverable #2). Candidates who follow the 3-year graduation plan are expected to register for EDLD 6000 as follows:

**Figure 1**  
*EDLD 6000 Enrollment Sequence*

Year 1	Year 2			Year 3		
Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall
Pedagogical Case Study		*Qualifying Exam		Empirical Research		

\* The qualifying exam must be passed before candidates are granted approval to begin empirical research.



**Research Courses: Research Design and Data Analysis**

The research design courses (RSCH 6311, RSCH 6313, and RSCH 6326) and advanced data analysis courses (RSCH 6312, RSCH 6314, and RSCH 6315) are sequenced in a prescribed order. The research design courses are to be taken in the order presented in Figure 2.

**Figure 2**  
*RSCH Enrollment Sequence*

Year 1		Year 2	
Summer RSCH 6326	Fall RSCH 6313	Spring RSCH 6311	Fall RSCH 6312 or RSCH 6314 or RSCH 6315

The research design courses, in the sequence prescribed are RSCH 6326 Research Designs, RSCH 6313 Qualitative Research Designs, and RSCH 6311 Quantitative Research Designs. The advanced courses, all focused on data analysis, are RSCH 6312 Advanced Quantitative Data Analysis, RSCH 6314 Mixed Methods Designs, and RSCH 6315 Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis. Candidates are advised to choose the advanced data analysis course that will be most applicable to their empirical research. The advanced courses are offered in the fall semester of the second year in the program that is the semester prior to candidates' final year in the program where emphasis is placed on their empirical research.



**Recommended Enrollment for EC-12 Educational Leadership Pathway**

Doctoral Program Requirements		Semesters			
		Spring (January through May)	Summer (June through August)	Fall (August through December)	
Year 1	Classes	Superintendent Certification	Take two from: <b>EDLD 6320</b> and <b>EDLD 6340</b>	Take one from: <b>EDLD 6322</b>	Take two from: <b>EDLD 6324</b> and ECON 6300, <b>EDLD 6332</b> EDLD 6321, EDSP 6364, EDLD 6360, and EDLD 6380
		Non-Certification	Take two from: <b>EDLD 6340</b> and <b>EDLD 6381</b>	Take one from:	Take two from: ECON 6300, <b>EDLD 6332</b> or EDLD 6321, EDSP 6364, FIN 6300, EDLD 6360, and EDLD 6380
				SU 1	
	*Research/Methods		ACCT 6300 CIDM 6310 EMA 6310 SOCI 6315 EDLD 6325	FIN 6300	EDLD 6304 <b>EDLD 6336</b>
*QE & Scholarly Delivery			<b>RSCH 6326</b>		<b>RSCH 6313</b>
					<b>EDLD 6000</b> - Start SD 1 Case Study
Year 2	Classes	Superintendent Certification and Non-Certification	Take one from: <b>EDLD 6356</b> , <b>EDLD 6381</b> , or EDLD 6323	Take two from:	Take one from: ECON 6300, <b>EDLD 6332</b> or EDLD 6321, EDSP 6364, FIN 6300, EDLD 6360, and EDLD 6380
				SU 1	
	*Research/Methods	Take <b>one</b> from: <b>RSCH 6311</b> or RSCH 6314	ACCT 6300 CIDM 6310 EMA 6310 SOCI 6315 EDLD 6325	FIN 6300	EDLD 6304 <b>EDLD 6336</b>
*QE & Scholarly Delivery		<b>EDLD 6000</b> - Finish SD 1 Case Study	<b>EDLD 6000</b> - Start QE		<b>EDLD 6000</b> – Finish QE and Select Chair/Committee
Year 3	Classes	Superintendent Certification and Non-Certification	Take one from: EDLD 6323, <b>EDLD 6381</b> , or FIN 6300	Take two from:	
				SU 1	
	*QE & Scholarly Delivery	<b>EDLD 6000</b> - Write & Defend Research Proposal for SD 2 Empirical Research & Submit IRB Proposal if Applicable	ACCT 6300 CIDM 6310 EMA 6310 SOCI 6315 EDLD 6325	FIN 6300	EDLD 6304 <b>EDLD 6336</b>
		<b>EDLD 6000</b> - Write Results & Discussion Sections of SD 2 Manuscript / Defend / Prepare Final Scholarly Delivery and Submit to Graduate School	<b>EDLD 6000</b> - Collect Data/Analyze Data for SD 2 Empirical Research / Write Results & Discussion Sections of Manuscript		

\* Courses must be taken in the prescribed order (RSCH 6326 > RSCH 6313 > RSCH 6311 > Advanced RSCH course) and (EDLD 6000 Case Study > QE > Empirical Research)  
 Note: Courses in **bold font** represent *requirements* for EDLD Cognate, Superintendent Certification, Rural Emphasis, RSCH, QE, and Scholarly Delivery.  
 Note: Courses in regular (non-bold) font represent *options* for fulfilling SCH requirements for rural emphasis, RSCH advanced course, and EC-12 Leadership Pathway categories.



**Recommended Enrollment for Leadership in Higher Education Pathway**

Doctoral Program Requirements			Semesters				
			Spring (January through May)	Summer (June through August)			Fall (August through December)
Year 1	Classes	Content Coursework	Take two from: <b>EDLD 6340</b> and <b>EDLD 6381</b>	Take one from:			Take two from: ECON 6300, EDLD 6321, <b>EDLD 6332</b> , FIN 6300, EDLD 6360, and EDLD 6380
				SU 1	SU 2	Extended SU	
			ACCT 6300 CIDM 6310 EMA 6310 SOCI 6315 EDLD 6325	FIN 6300	<b>EDLD 6336</b> EDLD 6351		
	*Research/Methods		<b>RSCH 6326</b>			<b>RSCH 6313</b>	
	*QE & Scholarly Delivery						<b>EDLD 6000</b> - Start SD 1 Case Study
Year 2	Classes	Content Coursework	Take one from: EDLD 6354, <b>EDLD 6356</b> , FIN 6300, EDLD 6361, or EDLD 6323	Take two from:			Take one from: ECON 6300, EDLD 6321, <b>EDLD 6332</b> , FIN 6300, EDLD 6360, and EDLD 6380
				SU 1	SU 2	Extended SU	
			ACCT 6300 CIDM 6310 EMA 6310 SOCI 6315 EDLD 6325	FIN 6300	<b>EDLD 6336</b> EDLD 6351		
	*Research/Methods		Take <b>one</b> from: <b>RSCH 6311</b> or RSCH 6314			Take <b>one</b> from: RSCH 6312 or RSCH 6315	
	*QE & Scholarly Delivery		<b>EDLD 6000</b> - Finish SD 1 Case Study	<b>EDLD 6000</b> - Start QE			<b>EDLD 6000</b> - Finish QE and Select Chair/Committee
Year 3	Classes	Content Coursework	Take one from: EDLD 6354, <b>EDLD 6356</b> , EDLD 6323, EDLD 6361, or FIN 6300	Take two from:			
				SU 1	SU 2	Extended SU	
			ACCT 6300 CIDM 6310 EMA 6310 SOCI 6315 EDLD 6325	FIN 6300	<b>EDLD 6336</b> EDLD 6351		
	*QE & Scholarly Delivery		<b>EDLD 6000</b> - Write & Defend Research Proposal for SD 2 Empirical Research & Submit IRB Proposal if Applicable	<b>EDLD 6000</b> - Collect Data/Analyze Data for SD 2 Empirical Research / Write Results & Discussion Sections of Manuscript			<b>EDLD 6000</b> - Write Results & Discussion Sections of SD 2 Manuscript / Defend / Prepare Final Scholarly Delivery and Submit to Graduate School

\* Courses must be taken in the prescribed order (RSCH 6326 > RSCH 6313 > RSCH 6311 > Advanced RSCH course) and (EDLD 6000 Case Study > QE > Empirical Research)

Note: Courses in **bold font** represent *requirements* for EDLD Cognate, Rural Emphasis, RSCH, QE, and Scholarly Delivery.

Note: Courses in regular (non-bold) font represent *options* for fulfilling SCH requirements for rural emphasis, RSCH advanced course, and HE Leadership Pathway categories.



**Recommended Enrollment Educational Business & Finance Pathway**

Doctoral Program Requirements			Semesters				
			Spring (January through May)	Summer (June through August)		Fall (August through December)	
Year 1	Classes	Content Coursework	Take two from: <b>EDLD 6340</b> and <b>EDLD 6381</b>	Take one from:			Take two from: <b>ECON 6300</b> and <b>FIN 6300</b>
				SU 1	SU 2	Extended SU	
	*Research/Methods		<b>ACCT 6300</b>				
	*QE & Scholarly Delivery			<b>RSCH 6326</b>		<b>RSCH 6313</b>	<b>EDLD 6000 - Start SD 1 Case Study</b>
Year 2	Classes	Content Coursework	Take one from: <b>EDLD 6356</b>	Take two from:			Take one from: <b>EDLD 6332</b>
				SU 1	SU 2	Extended SU	
	*Research/Methods		<b>CIDM 6310</b> or <b>EMA 6310</b> or <b>SOCI 6315</b>			<b>EDLD 6336</b>	
	*QE & Scholarly Delivery		Take <b>one</b> from: <b>RSCH 6311</b> or <b>RSCH 6314</b>			Take <b>one</b> from: <b>RSCH 6312</b> or <b>RSCH 6315</b>	<b>EDLD 6000 – Finish QE and Select Chair/Committee</b>
Year 3	Classes	Content Coursework	Take one from: <b>FIN 6316</b>	Take two from:			
				SU 1	SU 2	Extended SU	
	*QE & Scholarly Delivery		<b>CIDM 6310</b> or <b>EMA 6310</b> or <b>SOCI 6315</b>			<b>EDLD 6382</b>	
	*QE & Scholarly Delivery		<b>EDLD 6000 - Write &amp; Defend Research Proposal for SD 2 Empirical Research &amp; Submit IRB Proposal if Applicable</b>	<b>EDLD 6000 - Collect Data/Analyze Data for SD 2 Empirical Research / Write Results &amp; Discussion Sections of Manuscript</b>		<b>EDLD 6000 - Write Results &amp; Discussion Sections of SD 2 Manuscript / Defend / Prepare Final Scholarly Delivery and Submit to Graduate School</b>	

\* Courses must be taken in the prescribed order (**RSCH 6326 > RSCH 6313 > RSCH 6311 > Advanced RSCH course**) and (**EDLD 6000 Case Study > QE > Empirical Research**)

Note: Courses in **bold font** represent *requirements* for EDLD Cognate, Rural Emphasis, Business & Finance Pathway, RSCH, QE, and Scholarly Delivery.

Note: Courses in regular (non-bold) font represent *options* for fulfilling SCH requirements for rural emphasis, RSCH advanced course, and Ed Business/Finance Leadership Pathway categories.