Curriculum

The curriculum consists of 60-66 credits beyond the master’s degree and is delivered over a three year period with the final year devoted to the development of a capstone project or dissertation.

The program of study includes courses in:
- Research Methods
- School Law
- Advanced Finances
- Facilities
- Educational Leadership
- Special Education
- Governance and Policy of Education

Tuition, Fees and Books

Virginia school personnel receive a 40% tuition discount. Books are approximately $100 per course. For the latest tuition rates go to: http://www.bursar.vt.edu/tuition/

Program Timetable

The program will begin in August of 2011 and will run through July of 2014.

Location

Virginia Tech Southwest Center
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center
One Partnership Circle
Abingdon, VA 24212

Technology Requirements

An up-to-date computer with current word processing software, email software, browser, and a high-speed Internet connection are required.

Admission Timetable

Applications are currently being accepted and will be accepted until 20 members have been selected. Admission will be offered to qualified applicants immediately upon their successful completion of all admission requirements. Admission is highly competitive.

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Outstanding Graduates

The Virginia Tech Educational Leadership Program is widely recognized for producing outstanding graduates including the 2010-11 AASA President, the 2011 Virginia Superintendent of the Year, and approximately one-third of the superintendents in Virginia.

Program Accreditation

The program is approved by the Virginia Board of Education, fully accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, and recognized by the Educational Leadership Constituent Council. Virginia Tech is a member of the Carnegie Project on the Educational Doctorate.

Purpose

The purpose of the program is to develop the skills and abilities of practicing administrators who seek to accept the responsibilities and challenges of leadership as superintendents, central office administrators, supervisors, and building principals. Participants are prepared to work confidently with diverse populations and initiate programs to prepare students for productive lives in a world economy. The program faculty is committed to preparing students to lead in just and ethical ways.

Degree

A Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies is awarded upon successful completion of the program.

Program Delivery

The EdD is delivered to cohorts of 20 students who enter the program together and progress through a program of study for three years. Upon completion of the program of study, students continue to take research and dissertation credit as individuals until they complete their studies.

Participant Selection

A committee of professors, teachers, principals, central office administrators, and community representatives interviews applicants.

Selection criteria are:

• A master’s or higher degree from an accredited college or university
• At least a 3.3 average on a 4.0 scale in graduate work
• Commitment to 3-4 years of study
• Experience as a full-time administrator or supervisor in a school or agency
• Educational values and commitment to the profession
• Written and oral communication skills
• Technological competence
• Endorsement from the applicant’s division superintendent or designee

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