

Western Carolina University
College of Education & Allied Professions and the Department of Human Services
Educational Leadership (Ed.D. Program)
Cohort 15, 3-Year Course Sequence
53 credit hours total, updated 5/12/2026

Semester	Required Ed leadership Courses (16 credits required for all students)	Required Research/Inquiry Courses (16 credits required for all students)	Disquisition Courses (9 credits required for all students)	<u>Track A</u> <u>Concentration:</u> PK-12 (12 credits required)	<u>Track B</u> <u>Concentration:</u> Higher Education (CC/UN) (12 credits required)
Summer 1 (2026)	EDL 830 Applied Leadership Theory 3 credits	EDRS 802 Design and Analysis of Ed Research 3 credits 9 weeks			
	EDL 805 Academic Writing for Research 1 credit 9 weeks				
Fall 1 (2026)	EDL 822 Leadership of Complex Orgs 3 credits	EDRS 801 Methods in Improvement Science 3 credits			
Spring 1 (2027)	EDRS 804 Qualitative Data and Analysis for Improvement Science 3 credits	EDRS 803 Quantitative Data Collection and Analysis for Improvement Science 3 credits		EDL 877- Superintendency 2 credits	EDL 840 Race in Higher Education 2 credits
Summer 2 (2027)	EDL 826 Policy Leadership 9 weeks 3 credits	EDL 824 Leading Institutional Improvement 3 credits		EDL 883—Intern II 1 credit (for superintendent track students only)	EDL 894 DQ Intro to Proposal Writing 1 credit

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Fall 2 (2027)	EDL 828 Human Resources 3 credits	EDRS 895 Disquisition Proposal Writing 3 credits	EDL 899—Disq Research 1	EDL 884—Intern II 2 credit (for superintendent track students only)	
Spring 2 (2028)	EDL 832 Decision-Making 3 credits		EDL 899—Disq Research 2 credits	EDL 885-Intern III (super track) 1 credit EDL 893- Leading Adult Learners in Higher Education 3 credits (required for non- superintendent track students)	EDL 893- Leading Adult Learners in Higher Education 3 credits

Summer 3 (2028)		EDRS 805 Interpretation and Use of Research 1 credit	EDL 899—Disq Research 2 credits	EDL 894 2 credit elective Curriculum Development	
Fall 3 (2028)			EDL 899—Disq Research 3 credits		EDHE 810 Community College/Higher Education Leadership 3 credits
Spring 3 (2029) GRADUATION/ HOODING!			EDL 899—Disq Research 2 credits		