

DOCTORATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (ED.D.)

Educational leaders face unprecedented challenges today. Reduced funding, new regulatory demands, a widening achievement gap, and an increasing diversity in learners are but a few of the problems they must address. At the same time, the potential for education to change the lives of students, their families, and their communities has never been greater. Saint Mary's College Kalmanovitz School of Education's Doctorate in Educational Leadership offers a dynamic curriculum designed to develop leaders who can tackle today's challenges with creativity, courage, and competence. Additionally graduates emerge from the program committed to advocacy and action, attentive to issues of social injustice, and dedicated to advancing leadership in underserved communities.

The Ed.D. Program consists of 54 units of coursework and 6 units of dissertation research. Coursework can be completed in three years, which is then followed by a significant applied research project aimed at transforming educational practice. Classes are offered on alternate weekends throughout the year. The program is organized in a cohort structure that offers group support for progress toward program completion.

What is Distinctive about the Saint Mary's Ed.D. Program?

Students who enter the program will be:

- Challenged by a curriculum that focuses on practice and developing competencies that are immediately transferable to the workplace
- Guided by faculty who are accessible, supportive, and devoted to helping students reach the program's high academic standards



- Supported by staff attuned to the unique needs of active professionals
- Networked with a cohort of peers who bring diverse perspectives to an exploration of real world problems
- Introduced to educational innovations designed to enhance student learning and skill development
- Transformed by learning experiences that emphasize inquiry, reflection, and action

Degree Requirements

- Sixty units of Ed.D course work
- Synthesis experience required for advance to candidacy
- A minimum of six units of dissertation research
- Oral defense of dissertation

Sample Course List

- Philosophical Foundations of Education
- Leadership Perspectives on Public Policy
- Leadership Theory to Practice
- Organizational Theory and Systems
- Learning and Leading
- Qualitative Research Design
- Quantitative Research
- Applied Qualitative Research
- Applied Quantitative Research
- Organizational Change and Innovation
- Values and Ethics



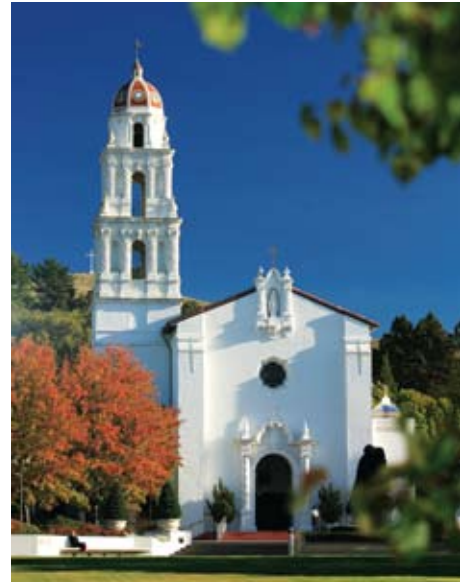
LEADERSHIP

Admissions

Application materials for the Ed.D. Program should be received prior to April 1st for admittance to the cohort beginning in June of the same year. For further information, visit our website at: www.stmarys-ca.edu/soe or contact the Program Assistant at: 925.631.4690.

Admissions requirements include:

- A Master's degree from an accredited institution
- A graduate grade point average of 3.5 or better (or evidence of comparable academic achievement or potential)
- Two official transcripts of any prior academic work
- A resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Three letters of recommendation from supervisors or other persons familiar with the applicant's professional work and potential for advanced study
- A formal interview
- An on-site writing sample
- Official test scores: Minimum score of 1000 on the GRE (combined Verbal and Quantitative) **or** a minimum score of 50 on the MAT **or** a minimum score of 55, with an overall total of 550 on the TOEFL



“The decision to enter the School of Education changed my professional life dramatically. ... The program is flexible, individualized and the schedule is geared towards working professionals. The curriculum covers a broad approach to leadership, including specific fundamental, theoretical and pragmatic approaches. The faculty serve as guides in intellectual development and are accessible, personally involved and bring a great breadth of experience to the program. The students make the experience, creating a high level of intensity and depth of thought....”
- Kevin Horan Ed.D., Educational Leadership Doctorate Program graduate, Executive Dean at Diablo Valley College, San Ramon, CA campus



Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's College of California

INCLUSIVE, GLOBAL, TRANSFORMATIVE

Here at the Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's, we are guided by the Lasallian tradition: "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve." Our faculty is committed to the core principles of social justice, quality education and inclusive community, emphasizing the skills of critical thinking, precise communication and creative problem-solving. We offer challenging opportunities for students to experience professional practice.

Our students are:

- Challenged by a curriculum that integrates research-based practices with opportunities for experience in professional settings.
- Guided by an interdisciplinary faculty that excels in teaching, scholarship and service.
- Supported by a staff attuned to the unique needs of active professionals.
- Networked with a cohort of peers who bring diverse perspectives to the exploration of real-world problems.
- Transformed by learning experiences that emphasize inquiry, reflection, ethical values and social justice.

The Kalmanovitz School of Education is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and offers well-respected credential programs approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and the American Montessori Society. The Master of Arts Degree in Counseling with an emphasis in School Counseling (K-12) or School Psychology (3 yrs-12th grade) fulfills the requirements for the California Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential. The College is a member of the California Council on the Education of Teachers and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

The Financial Aid process begins by filing a free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov (Saint Mary's College Title IV code is: #001302). Prospective students should also complete a Saint Mary's Financial Aid application, available on Saint Mary's website. To ensure maximum consideration for all programs, students are asked to contact the Financial Aid Office at: 925.631.4370, or the Kalmanovitz School of Education at: 925.631.4149 with any questions.

Twice a year, in the fall and spring, eligible Kalmanovitz School of Education students have the opportunity to apply for scholarships distributed by the school. Students are encouraged to research and apply for other scholarships that may be available through outside organizations or entities.

A loan forgiveness program (APLE), providing financial assistance for future teachers, is offered by the State of California. Information on this program is available from the California Student Aid Commission at: www.csac.ca.gov.