Educational Leadership

Department Information

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• **Application Deadline:**
  Priority Deadline: February 1; Final deadline: April 1

• **Credential Offered:**
  Ed.S., M.S., M.Ed.

• **English Proficiency Requirements:**
  TOEFL 88, IELTS 6.5, Duolingo 110

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Michigan State University, 2020

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University of New Hampshire, 2018
Research Interests/Areas of Expertise: PK-12 School Leadership; Social and Political Contexts of Schools; Educator Development and Professional Learning

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University of Texas at San Antonio, 2018

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University of North Dakota, 2018
Research Interests/Areas of Expertise: Information literacy, K-12 education change, Post-Secondary Readiness, and Leadership

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Assistant Professor
The Ohio State University, 2019
Research Interests/Areas of Expertise: College Student Learning and Development, Institutional Effectiveness in Higher Education and Student Affairs, Collegiate Bystander Intervention, Educational Measurement through Rasch Modeling

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Cleveland State University, 2017
Research Interests/Areas of Expertise: Geographic Information Systems, Privatization in Education, Equity in Education, Critical Social Theory

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Oklahoma State University, 2011
Research Interests/Areas of Expertise: Monte Carlo Simulations, Educational and Psychological Measurement, Learning Theory, Structural Equation Modeling, Q Methodology, Time Series Analysis

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University of Georgia, 2021

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Pennsylvania State University, 2010  
Research Interests/Areas of Expertise: Socio-cultural Dimensions of Educational Leadership, Indigenous Theory and Methodology, and Educational, Self-Determination

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Research Interests/Areas of Expertise: School Transformation, Innovation for Equitable Education, PK-12 School Leadership, Quantitative Methods

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University of North Dakota, 2016  
Research Interests/Areas of Expertise: Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (SoTL), Women in Higher Education, Women in STEM, Ethnographic and Discourse Methods of Inquiry

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Research Interests/Areas of Expertise: Institutional Effectiveness, Learning Outcomes Assessment, Instrument Development, Moral Development and Education, College Student Development

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