Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership [Ed. D.]

Applicants will be admitted in Summer/Fall, 2009

Applicants will enroll for classes in Spring 2010

Duration of degree: Normally three years

CSUDH is ready, excited and eager to respond to the call set forth by the Legislature to provide a cost-effective and accessible publicly funded doctoral program for Pre K-12 educators who are interested in interdisciplinary leadership. CSUDH will offer a unique professional Ed. D. Degree in Educational Leadership for improving teaching and learning of diverse learners in urban schools and colleges. The interdisciplinary doctoral degree: (a) will focus on the development, preparation and training of educators for leadership in urban public schools in Southern California, and (b) will be offered through substantive partnerships where constituents participate in program design, candidate recruitment and admissions, teaching, program assessment and evaluation.

The primary purpose of the Ed. D. program is to prepare Pre K-12 educators for interdisciplinary leadership with:

- Advanced skills to effectively build and sustain diverse urban settings with purposeful constituent relationships.

- Knowledge, understanding, and sensitivity to social and equity issues, cultural diversity, and economic challenges of schools and surrounding communities.

- Advanced knowledge-base on current research and best practices in educational leadership development, preparation, and training of urban school and college leaders.

- In-depth knowledge and skills to make meaningful connections between theory and practice for influencing significant education reform efforts.

- Fundamental skills needed to implement program and policy changes that will directly improve student learning outcomes.

- A commitment to reflective inquiry and initiating change in multicultural/ethnic, multi-ability and multi-lingual settings.

- Insight on data-driven decision making processes that lead to reducing inequities and narrowing achievement gaps in urban schools in southern California and elsewhere.

*The anticipated initiation of the program is subject to approval by the California State University Chancellor’s Office and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).*