

Wisconsin Idea Executive Ph.D. Cohort in K12 Leadership

Begins Fall 2018



"One of the longest and deepest traditions surrounding the University of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Idea, signifies a general principle: that education should influence people's lives beyond the boundaries of the classroom."

Through the Wisconsin Idea Executive Ph.D. in Educational Leadership, ELPA seeks to enhance its influence on educational quality and opportunity for all students in Wisconsin schools and beyond.





Program Description

ELPA

The *Department of Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis* (ELPA) will offer its PhD in Educational Leadership through a Cohort Program that will focus explicitly on K-12 leadership for dramatically improving student performance and closing achievement gaps.

The theme of District and School Leadership for Equity and Excellence will be infused through most courses, and supported by theoretical and empirical, as well as practical, understandings. The program will provide a coordinated plan that will allow students to defend their dissertation within three to four years. The dissertation will focus on school, district, or community efforts to improve performance for all students. Cohort students will receive training in qualitative and quantitative inquiry and analysis, and will be expected to develop a study design for the dissertation that is appropriate to addressing their research questions.



Program Features

Cohort Program

Up to twenty students will be admitted to establish a professional learning community and to complete program requirements together. We are especially interested in establishing a diverse cohort group of highly talented and effective educational leaders from throughout the state and region.

Expanded Career Options

Along with completion of the PhD, students can receive licensure for the superintendent, director of special education and pupil services, and director of curriculum and instruction.

UW-Madison School of Education Community

Students can complete an entire PhD program at a top-ranked program while working full time. Students interested in refining theoretical understanding or knowledge of research methodologies have access to the wide range of course and program options available through the UW-Madison School of Education.

Data Based

Students will leave with a sophisticated set of strategies to use data to address district inequities, to make data-based decisions, and to empirically evaluate program effectiveness. These strategies will not only help students become highly successful district leaders, but also national leaders in improvement efforts. They can pass this knowledge on to the building leaders in their districts.

Learn from the Leaders

Students will interact with nationally recognized UW-Madison School of Education faculty and leading practitioners. Students will learn from faculty who are engaged in ongoing research on schools and districts from across the country that have significantly raised student achievement for all students. Course instructors and visiting lecturers will also include highly successful Wisconsin superintendents who lead districts that have made significant gains in student achievement.

Weekend Courses

During the academic year, fall and spring courses will be offered over five weekends each semester from 4:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday night, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

In summer meeting times for cohort classes will be determined to address student needs, and dates will be determined in advance to ensure student availability.



Program Leadership

The Wisconsin Executive Ph.D. in Educational Leadership is coordinated by Dr. M. Bruce King mbking1@wisc.edu
ELPA faculty serve as major advisors.

Additional Information

<http://elpa.education.wisc.edu/elpa/academics/WiscIdeaExecPhDCohort>

Admissions

Candidates for the cohort program are expected to hold a master's degree and have or meet qualifications for their principal license. The coursework in the cohort program is designed to build on this foundational experience.

Admission requirements and directions for applying to the program can be found on the department's website

<http://elpa.education.wisc.edu/elpa/admissions>. Completed application packets are due January 1, 2018. Admission is for fall 2018.

For more information contact Dr. M. Bruce King, mbking1@wisc.edu or Shari Smith, ssmith@education.wisc.edu ELPA Senior Student Services Coordinator, or call 608-263-2701.

Tuition

<https://registrar.wisc.edu/tuition & fees.htm>



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