The EdD program helps working professionals develop new leadership skills, discuss the latest research, and learn ways to conduct inquiry around instruction and learning. We want EdD graduates to be proactive problem-solvers helping to meet the needs of urban and diverse schools and communities.

NANCY SHANKLIN | Associate Professor, Literacy, Language and Culturally Responsive Teaching
Are you a professional/educator with leadership responsibilities and over five years of experience who is dedicated to educational reform and equity for all students?

Do you hold or intend to assume a leadership role in P-20 schools (such as teacher leader, principal, director, or superintendent), a community college, a public or private university, or a community-based educational organization? The EdD degree will position you to work successfully in leadership roles in urban and diverse schools and other educational contexts.

Our EdD program was developed in concert with the Carnegie Project on the Educational Doctorate (CPED); an initiative supporting similar activities by universities nationally. This program is cohort-based, with specific start and end dates, as well as a prescribed sequence of courses. Cohorts of about 20 students each complete the 69-credit-hour degree in three years. Classes are designed to fit the busy schedule of working professionals, combining face-to-face and online learning with field-based practice. Weekend and summer intensive formats are included. Culminating experiences include a six-credit internship and 21 credits for your dissertation. The internship experiences may require flexibility in your professional schedule.

You will study with supportive and knowledgeable faculty who aim to cultivate an environment of intellectual dialogue, and academic and professional growth designed to ultimately make a difference in your leadership roles.

ABOVE: Justin Darnell, University of Colorado Denver EdD student and 2010 Colorado Teacher of the Year.

THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES:

- Excellent preparation for individuals who strive to attain high leadership positions in school districts, educational community non-profits, and teaching/community colleges
- Experienced, nationally-recognized professors
- Convenient classes that fit your schedule and busy lifestyle (weekend, hybrid, online and summer) and explicitly prepare you for the next step in your career.

www.ucdenver.edu/education/edd
**Requirements**

The EdD program is designed so that you may earn a 69-credit-hour doctorate degree in three years. It includes a qualifying exam, a comprehensive exam, internships, and a capstone, thematic dissertation study.

EdD students select one of two concentration areas:

- **Instructional Leadership** concentration area is targeted to professionals who hold or seek to move into positions such as teacher leaders, coaches/mentors, program coordinators, curriculum directors, or instructors at teaching universities/colleges or community colleges.

- **Executive Leadership** concentration area supports individuals who hold or seek to move into senior management positions inside school districts, community colleges, higher education policy organizations or community-based education organizations. Roles may include that of a director, deputy, superintendent or president.

For detailed course requirements, please visit www.ucdenver.edu/education/edd.

All applicants must hold at least a master’s degree. We are seeking candidates with high intellectual ability, a strong academic background, and at least five years of leadership experience.

“My professors are connected to the local public schools. They know the work on the ground. Because of that, they know how to help us construct conceptual frameworks that link knowledge and experience—just what I need to do my work effectively.”

LYNN HAWTHORNE
University of Colorado Denver
EdD student

For application checklists and deadlines, please visit www.ucdenver.edu/education and click on Apply Now. This program begins once a year. Given the competitive nature of this program, it’s important to apply early.

The program holds information sessions every year in early fall; see the program website for dates and times. Please be sure to attend. RSVP at www.ucdenver.edu/education.

To speak with an admissions counselor, please call 303.315.6300 or e-mail education@ucdenver.edu.

**International admissions**

International students may begin the admissions process and learn about international student deadlines, applications and admissions requirements by visiting www.international.ucdenver.edu/admissions. In addition, please complete the program specific requirements by the application deadlines found at www.ucdenver.edu/education under Apply Now.

**Faculty**

Read about our faculty by visiting www.ucdenver.edu/education and clicking on Faculty/Research.
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