Doctorate in Educational Leadership

In Spring 2016, Lamar University began a second cohort of the Doctorate in Educational Leadership program exclusively for Apple Distinguished Educators and employees of Apple Education. This accelerated doctoral program is delivered fully online, requires no residency or travel, and is designed to fit into the busy schedules of full-time educators and working professionals.

Program Description:
The Doctorate in Educational Leadership is purposefully designed with a unique and distinctive focus: To equip education leaders to be transformative change agents in local, national, and international settings - regardless of their geographical setting. We acknowledge that our world is increasingly interconnected and that our responsibility and influence as educators extends to all regions and peoples of the world, as well as our own. Graduates of this innovative doctoral program are prepared to work as transformational leaders at the highest levels of education to improve the lives of the citizens of the world.

Building upon the UNESCO Education for All Framework, we believe that increasing the access and effectiveness of education is the key to developing a sustainable world with just societies that value knowledge, promote peace, celebrate diversity, and defend human rights. The program is founded on the core values of altruism and caring for others, democratic values, and corresponding actions, that celebrate diversity and are utilized for enriching and expanding educational opportunities for all.

To equip education leaders with the knowledge, skills, and experiences they will need as global practitioners, the program differentiates itself by being:

1. Research-Based
2. Practitioner-Driven
3. Transformative
4. Reflective
5. An Enabler of Innovation
6. Accessible to All

In this exclusive cohort, you will study with fellow ADEs and Apple Education employees while engaging in cutting edge research around the world. It’s a program designed to leverage the impact of the ADE community to make the largest possible impact for global good.

Program Format:
In this accelerated and fully online program, you can complete your course work in as little as five semesters. Courses are five weeks in duration and have a minimum of one week off between courses. Individual class modules are one week in duration and include the weekend to complete all assignments. Students are provided as much flexibility for study as possible.

The doctoral program utilizes a challenge-based learning model to integrate professional activities into the coursework. In this program, the learning
challenge you choose will likely be your eventual dissertation topic. You will begin working toward your dissertation in the first semester and refine it throughout your first year of coursework.

Course structure within the program provides a rich and engaging learning experience where students collaborate with other ADEs with similar interests. The program also provides collaborative research opportunities during the dissertation process to allow students to combine their research with other cohort members to maximize the impact of their collective work. Lamar University is one of the first programs globally to rework the dissertation process by blending academic rigor with real-world outcomes.

Lamar maintains an extensive list of exciting dissertation opportunities, many of which involve working with ministries of education or other international organizations (WWF, International Red Cross, Volunteer Services Overseas). See luprojects.wordpress.com for the current listing of opportunities. Sponsored research positions may also be available on a limited basis.

**Program Cost:**

The Doctorate in Educational Leadership is distinguished as being one of the lowest cost doctorate programs in the US while also being ranked as one of the highest in quality. We believe it represents an exceptional educational value for exceptional ADEs. Financial aid is available for those who qualify.

Tuition and fees for the program are currently under $10,000 per year and under $30,000 total*. Scholarships totaling $1,000 yearly, ($3,000 total) are available to students making satisfactory progress toward degree completion†. The doctoral program enjoys an exceptional 91.4% graduation rate.

**Lamar University at Glance:**

Founded in 1923, Lamar University is a doctoral research university dedicated to providing a learning environment of the highest quality. Home to nearly 15,000 students, Lamar University is one of the fastest growing universities in the state of Texas and is a member of the Texas State University System. Lamar University is a globally focused institution with students from 56 different countries represented in the university enrollment.

Lamar's College of Education for Human Development graduate program is one of the largest in the US with over 4,000 students and an international leader in quality. Lamar was recently ranked 3rd nationally for top online graduate programs. Our students also agree, as 98% of recent graduates said they would recommend the program to others.

**For More Information:**

Want to know more about this unique opportunity? Just let us know by completing a short interest form at:

http://lamar.edu/ADE

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*Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice by action of the Board of Regents or the Texas State Legislature.
†Degree Plan subject to change due to availability of courses.