

# CURRICULUM AND LEADERSHIP (EDD) - HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION TRACK

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## Admission Requirements

Admissions decisions are based on a holistic combination of criteria, including the interview, writing assessment, recommendations, professional experiences and academic transcripts.

- Applicant must hold at least a master's degree from an accredited United States institution, or the equivalent from an international institution.
- Good academic standing at previous institution(s).
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 on all graduate course work at an accredited United States institution in fulfillment of the requirement for a graduate degree and post-baccalaureate coursework.
- Four (4) years of experience in a school setting or in a leadership role in the private sector shown by completing the Teaching Experience Form (<https://powerforms.docuform.net/04d4d63d-3d20-434e-872a-d4d5d9b2dfca/?env=na3&acct=5b6fe799-74ef-4752-9492-169c5ce0252b&accountId=5b6fe799-74ef-4752-9492-169c5ce0252b>).
- Background check (<https://www.columbusstate.edu/education-and-health-professions/cqtl/background-checks.php>) to verify no criminal record or discharge from the armed services that would prevent recommendation for related teacher, counseling, or leadership certifications.
- Statement of Purpose
- Two (2) professional letters of recommendation ([https://www.columbusstate.edu/tlc/\\_docs/EdD\\_form\\_recommendation.pdf](https://www.columbusstate.edu/tlc/_docs/EdD_form_recommendation.pdf)).
- Successful completion of interview and timed writing assessment.
- For international students, additional criteria may be required. See International Graduate Admissions (<https://admissions.columbusstate.edu/international/graduate.php>) for more details.

## Additional Program Requirements

- Completion of all required EdD coursework (i.e., minimum of 63 semester hours and a minimum of 51 semester hours in residence) with a 3.25 GPA and no more than one grade of C applying toward the degree (i.e., good academic standing).
- Appointment of an approved EdD dissertation committee.
- Approval of the Dissertation Prospectus by the EdD Dissertation Committee.
- Approval of the Dissertation Proposal by the EdD Dissertation Committee.
- Met all program requirements (i.e., successful defense of final dissertation and approval of final dissertation publication by the EdD Dissertation Committee, Director of Doctoral Program in Education, Director of COEHP Office of Graduate Studies, Dean of COEHP, and CSU Library).
- Maintained continuous enrollment in EDUF 8999 The Dissertation until completion of the EdD dissertation.