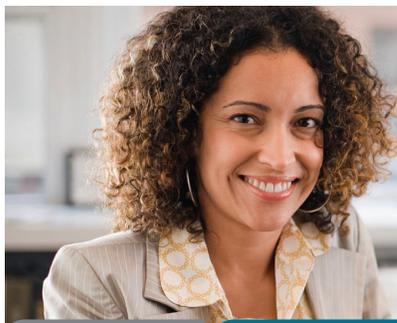


A COMPARISON OF WALDEN'S HIGHER EDUCATION DOCTORAL PROGRAMS



PROGRAM	EdD WITH A SPECIALIZATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT	EdD WITH A SPECIALIZATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND ADULT LEARNING	PhD IN EDUCATION WITH A SPECIALIZATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, AND POLICY
FOCUS	This specialization can help educators gain the leadership skills and management principles to lead meaningful and sustainable change across an institution and to facilitate continuous improvement within higher education settings.	This specialization can help professionals working in a 4-year college or university environment as a leader who manages programs, faculty, and/or students. Coursework emphasizes diverse student and community populations and effective technology strategies that support adult learning.	In this specialization, participants will examine the systems, policies, and politics of higher education both domestically as well as internationally. The PhD takes a broader systemic approach to discovering how higher education politics and policy can impact and influence an organization as a whole.
OCCUPATION	This specialization is designed for individuals who aspire to administrative, leadership, and/or management positions. This program is designed to equip graduates to serve as leaders at community colleges, public and private campus-based universities, online universities, state education departments, government agencies, or research organizations.	This specialization is designed for professionals who plan to design, develop, and lead successful adult learning programs within higher education institutions, corporations, and workforce development settings.	This program is designed for professionals in community colleges, private and public liberal arts colleges, distance-learning institutions, regional and state universities, state and federal agencies, and national professional associations.
PROGRAM OF STUDY	Coursework in this EdD specialization focuses on the latest research-based methods, policies, and practices of today's changing landscape within higher education. Curriculum focuses on program evaluation, strategic planning and budgeting, and assessment.	This specialization addresses the needs of adult learners by focusing on adult learning theories, exploring best practices for facilitating program planning and assessment, and developing educators' leadership skills to effectively engage and motivate adults.	Coursework will focus on how internal and external systems, politics, and policies impact institutional effectiveness, student learning, and development and the organization's overall development and impact. This program also focuses on developing the leadership and management skills required to address the needs of a dynamic and expanding higher education landscape domestically and internationally.
CAPSTONE FOCUS	Participants can choose to complete either a dissertation or doctoral study. Doctoral study findings should address a unique problem of practice in the local area. Dissertation findings should be focused on generalizable problems of practice.	Students can choose to complete either a dissertation or doctoral study. Doctoral study findings should address a unique problem of practice in the local area. Dissertation findings should be focused on generalizable problems of practice.	Dissertation findings should provide empirical data to be used by practitioners to solve problems, and they must apply to the broader academic field.
REQUIRED CREDITS	76 quarter credits	76 quarter credits	86 quarter credits
RESIDENCY	One 3-day residency with the option of an additional advanced residency.	One 3-day residency with the option of an additional advanced residency.	Four 4-day residencies; two of these residencies must be face-to-face, but the other two may be either face-to-face or virtual.

Find information on costs, occupation types, completion rates, and median loan debt for these programs at www.WaldenU.edu/programdata.

Walden offers both state-approved educator licensure programs as well as programs and courses that do not lead to licensure or endorsements. Prospective students must review their state licensure requirements prior to enrolling. For more information, please refer to www.WaldenU.edu/educlicensure.

Note to all Washington residents: These programs are not intended to lead to teacher certification. Teachers are advised to contact their individual school districts as to whether this program may qualify for salary advancement.