

The Educational Leadership Doctoral Program features coursework, seminars, a residency year, a dissertation, and a cohort structure designed to promote peer support and interaction. The 60-hour program includes 42 hours of required core coursework, while also allowing for a **cognate of 18 hours** in an area that supports the student's professional goals.

The most common areas of specialization are higher education and the superintendency; however, any area in which there is a graduate degree is eligible for use as a cognate area. Areas of specialization available as part of the doctoral degree include:

Cognate in Superintendency

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https://www.tamuk.edu/education/departments/edlc/EDLC_Grad_Programs/edadmin.html

Cognate in Principalship

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Cognate in Higher Education Administration and Leadership

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https://www.tamuk.edu/education/departments/edlc/EDLC_Doc_Programs/heal.html

Cognate in Adult Education

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https://www.tamuk.edu/education/departments/edlc/EDLC_Grad_Programs/adulted.html

Cognate in Instructional Technology Leadership and Innovation

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Cognate in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

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Cognate in Sports Management

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Cognate in Bilingual Education

Coordinator: Dr. Norma Guzman (norma.guzman@tamuk.edu)

Cognate in Reading

Coordinator: Dr. Olivia Modesto (olivia.modesto@tamuk.edu)

Cognate in Special Education

Coordinator: Dr. Monica Ratcliff (monica.ratcliff@tamuk.edu)

Cognate in Counseling

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