ELDP Key Features

The ELDP will:

• Offer course work designed to accommodate educational administration professionals
• Use a hybrid face-to-face and distance-education instruction model
• Focus on social justice and border education issues
• Provide experiences based on the concept that research and theory support practice
• Provide access to student-centered faculty who are involved and responsive throughout the program
• Foster a supportive environment for collaboration with faculty and peers in education
• Prepare students for leadership at institutions serving under-represented populations

ELDP Educational Leadership Doctoral Program

ELA Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Leadership and Administration at New Mexico State University is to prepare and graduate capable, skillful and dynamic educational leaders for a diverse society. Through the use of theory and practice we aim to develop change agents and role models for socially-just educational systems.

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### ELDP Program of Study

#### Ed.D. Program of Study
(63 credit hours)

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(78 credit hours)

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*Cognate courses for Ph.D. may be taken beginning the 2nd semester of course work with approval of coordinator or advisor. These courses must be finished before entering dissertation hours. Finding cognate classes is solely the responsibility of the student. ELA does not guarantee the availability of the course work beyond that offered for Ed.D.

### Program Requirements

Each student is expected to:

- Be a practicing Pk-12 administrator or Pk-12 teacher with 5 years experience
- OR be a professional in a higher education institution
- OR have 5 years of other relevant experience,
  - Hold a bachelor’s and master’s degree (in any discipline) from an accredited university,
  - Participate in a mandatory cohort orientation,
  - Commit to completing a minimum of 3 ½ years to a program of study leading to a doctoral degree in educational administration,
  - Participate, at individual expense, in a border experience with cohort members,
  - Attend, at individual expense, at least two national or international research conferences during the 3 ½ year program, and
  - Comply with all additional requirements as outlined by the Department of ELA.

### Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)
Prepares students for advanced professional practice. This program of study focuses on the implementation and use of research.

### Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
Prepares students for careers in research or the university professoriate. This program of study focuses on the conduct of research.