

The University of Miami Executive Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership 2026

Fits your life: Comprehensive curriculum delivered efficiently via intensive weekends, avoiding career interruption

Supports your goals: New students are in a cohort, which deepens knowledge, camaraderie and community, and faculty provide constant guidance

Promotes solid preparation & timely achievement: The Ed.D. can be earned in just 3-4 years; dissertation proposals are part of coursework to ensure feedback and progress from the very beginning of the program

The University of Miami Executive Ed.D. prepares you for transformational leadership roles in colleges and universities, education-related organizations, and public policy arenas while saving you time, a precious commodity.

Format

- Course seminars and dissertation writing support are provided in face-to-face weekend meetings once a month for three years.
- Course enrollments are year-round, including summers.
- The degree requires 60 credits beyond the master's, meaning most students can finish within 10-12 straight semesters.
- Your small cohort fosters community, support and success.
- This is an in-person program. A live-streaming option may occasionally be available when unforeseen circumstances require.

Curriculum

- We take a holistic approach to higher education leadership that emphasizes data-based decision-making, and communication and collaboration across office lines to effect student success and institutional vitality. This approach is imbued with the philosophy of enrollment management (EM) and reflects our roots in offering the first graduate program in EM almost 30 years ago.
- Foundational courses instill clear understanding of higher education and its role in society; research courses and an applied dissertation project provide the tools for solving problems and taking advantage of opportunities at your institution; and concentration courses highlight today's most pressing institutional needs and concerns.
- Strong writing and speaking skills also are emphasized.
- Your coursework culminates in doctoral qualifying exams.

Dissertation

- Your applied dissertation allows you to combine theory and research, academics, and personal experience to address a question or issue at your institution or in the higher education sphere that interests you.
- The Ed.D. is based in thoughtful applications of knowledge and skills to problem solving, and we help launch that effort early on via a dissertation proposal seminar and advising. Through chapter guidelines, you must focus on what you want to research, why you want to do it, and how. No time is wasted.
- Once courses and doctoral qualifying exams are completed, you'll engage in intensive dissertation writing workshops one weekend per month.

Tuition

- In academic year 2025-2026, tuition was \$2,644 per credit (FT 9 credits Fall/Spr - HT 3 credits Summer) for a total of \$23,796 per semester and \$683 in fees; 6 credits = FT in summer.
- Scholarships are available for college administrators.
- Federal financial aid is provided via grants, subsidized and unsubsidized loans available to students who qualify.
- **Please see at the UM Graduate School website grad.miami.edu:**
[Graduate Professional Types of Aid](#)
[Applying for Aid as a Graduate Professional](#)
[2025-2026 Graduate Cost of Attendance](#)

Admission Criteria

- Earned master's degree with GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- **GRE scores not required.** A holistic review of all applicant files considers education, achievements, activities and personal goals.
- All other School of Education & Human Development requirements as outlined at education.miami.edu under Admissions.

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Application Information

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grad.miami.edu, On-Campus Graduate Programs
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