

### The University

Western Connecticut State University, founded in 1903, is located in Danbury, a major city in Fairfield County. Nestled in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains, it is 65 miles north of Manhattan and 50 miles west of Hartford. WestConn's rural 364-acre Westside campus complements its 34-acre, 15-building Midtown campus in the heart of downtown Danbury.

Constant planning, evaluation, and improvement of programs and curriculum sharpen WestConn's "edge of excellence" and keep it responsive to the progressive community it serves. The University works with and is supported by a forward-looking, innovative educational, health care and business community. WestConn collaborates with local, state, and regional community agencies and educational institutions.



### How to Apply

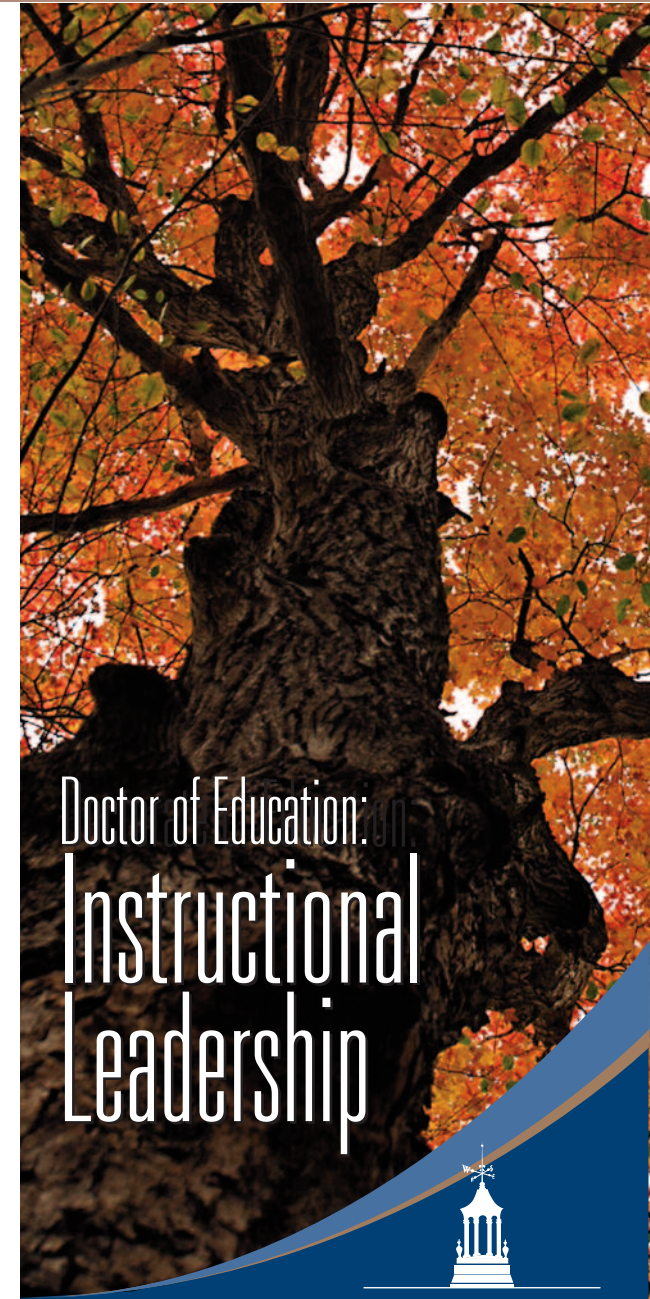
By March 1, please submit:

1. A completed application form.
2. A copy of your Master's degree diploma in education or a related field.
3. Evidence of five years of full-time professional experience in a K-12 setting:
  - a) a copy of your educator certificate(s) and;
  - b) a letter from an administrator who works in an accredited institution.
4. A one- to two-page resumé.
5. A \$100 nonrefundable application fee.
6. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities that you have attended; a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all previous graduate course work is required, as well as a 2.8 GPA for all undergraduate work.
7. An official score on the GRE or MAT (taken within the past 5 years). In addition, the TOEFL is required for all international students.
8. Three recommendations (see application).

Selected candidates will be contacted for follow up interviews.

If you would like more information on our Ed.D. program in Instructional Leadership, please contact the Division of Graduate Studies:

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# Doctor of Education: Instructional Leadership



## About This Program

WestConn's Ed.D. program in Instructional Leadership is the only doctorate of its kind in Connecticut. Unlike other programs that solely focus on administrative skills and strategies, WestConn prepares its candidates to be educational *and* instructional leaders.

WestConn's program provides a comprehensive learning experience that encourages students to achieve their goals.

Our Ed.D. program in Instructional Leadership prepares individuals to create innovative learning environments; to respond to reform at the national, state and local levels; and to transform their educational organizations through collaborative initiatives. The Ed.D. curriculum includes course work in learning, cognition and teaching; problem solving and creative thinking; program administration and assessment; leadership theory and practice; and quantitative and qualitative methods of educational research.

*The program offers an option for obtaining the Certification in Administration and Supervision (CT Endorsement #092)*

## Our Focus

The Ed.D. in Instructional Leadership at WestConn has three major components:

- **Leadership Theory and Practice** In one of the first courses of the program, students will participate in a leadership assessment exercise and develop an individualized Leadership Development Plan with a faculty advisor and/or organization representative. This plan will act as a blueprint for the acquisition and enrichment of leadership behaviors and skills. Additionally, students will develop individual, group and organizational competencies through planned study in these areas.
- **Assessment and Inquiry** Doctoral students will interpret and apply a full complement of in-depth research questions to educational settings. Students will develop skill and knowledge in the areas of evaluation, interpretation and research implementation.
- **Curriculum and Instruction** Students will investigate multiple intelligences and other cognitive-developmental theories, and design/modify existing classroom curricula.

## Student Response

"The excitement of working with classmates who are experienced educators, and faculty members who are dynamic and engaging, challenges me."

*- Frank LaBanca, Oxford Public Schools*

"I came to WestConn's Ed.D. program for the education, but I am staying because of the inspiration."

*- Lori Kolbusz, Norwalk Public Schools*

## Program Specifics

- In order to maintain a low student-faculty ratio, class size is limited to a cohort of twenty-five.
- Classes are scheduled to accommodate the needs of the working educator. Two evening classes are offered each fall and spring and 1-2 courses are scheduled for each summer.
- Guided dissertation support is provided for each student throughout the five-year, sixty credit program.
- In addition to learning from our own outstanding faculty, students will be taught by leading members of the educational community.

## Ed.D. Program Sequence

