



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Educational Leadership & Policy EdD



“*In my experience, the greatest strength of the Online EdD program has been the level of care, compassion, and concern shown by faculty and staff. Since starting the program, I've never felt like just a student number, but rather a respected individual. I feel as though my cares, concerns, and challenges of life are heard. My overall well-being is considered, not just my performance as a student in the program.*”

Current EdD Student



What Makes Us Unique

FSU's online EdD in Educational Leadership and Policy is a CPED-inspired doctorate of education, which provides working professionals with a supportive environment to expand their capacity to address the most pressing problems in education.



FLEXIBILITY & INTENTIONALITY

Our classes are offered online and asynchronously, meaning "attendance" is not required at specific times. The curriculum is structured to help you meet milestone requirements and build your dissertation as you progress through the coursework. You will also have regular opportunities to meet synchronously with program faculty, course instructors, and your peers.

STUDENT SUPPORT

As an EdD student, you will have access to faculty who are leaders in their fields, plus a host of other resources to support your leadership and learning. These include a student advising coordinator, major professor, targeted writing support, and peer connections via our cohort model. You will also have the opportunity to join us each June in Tallahassee for our annual Summer Institute!



“The greatest strength of the program has been the support system of faculty and peers. I never felt like I was on an island by myself, even though it's an online program.”

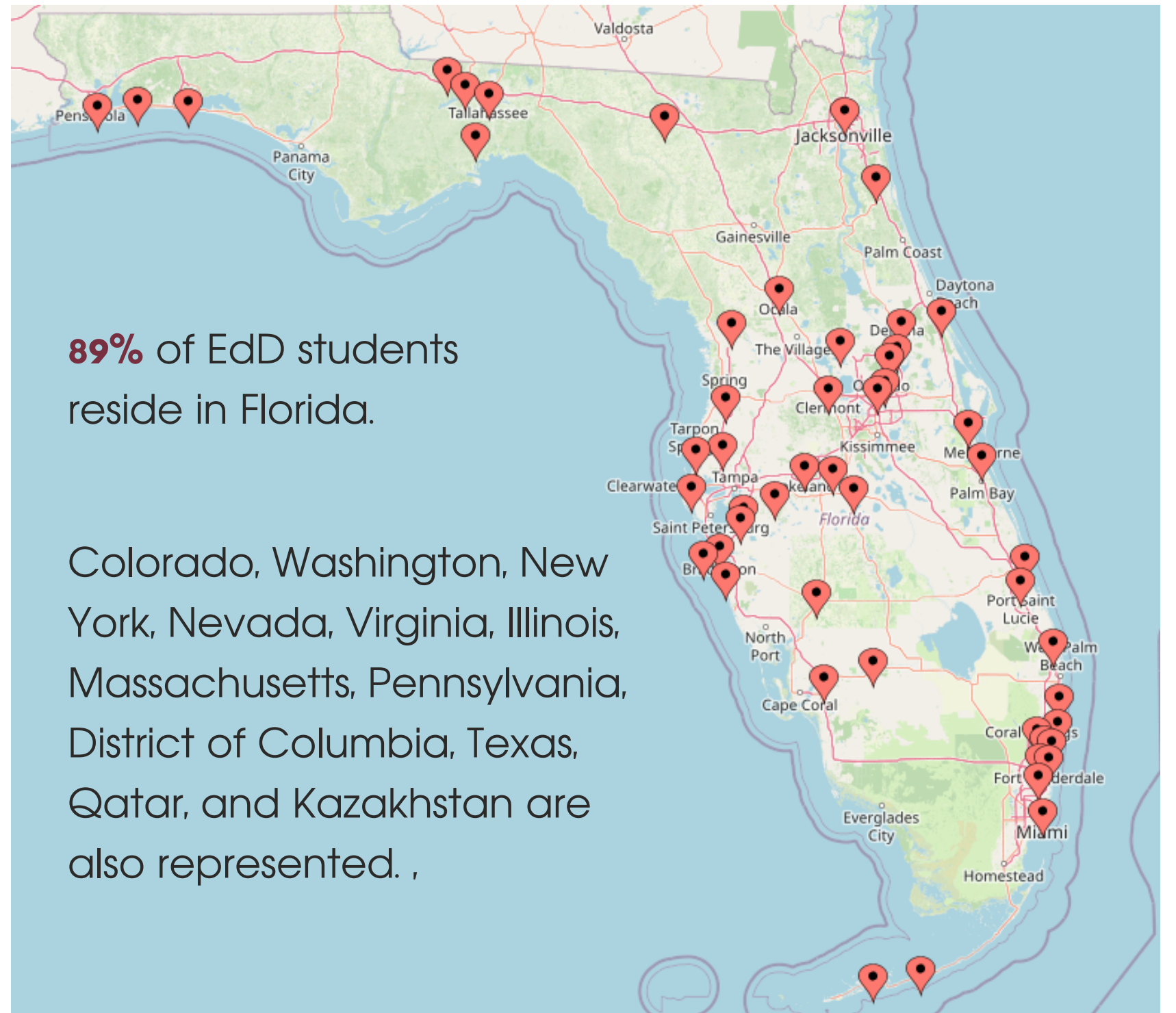
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Our EdD Students

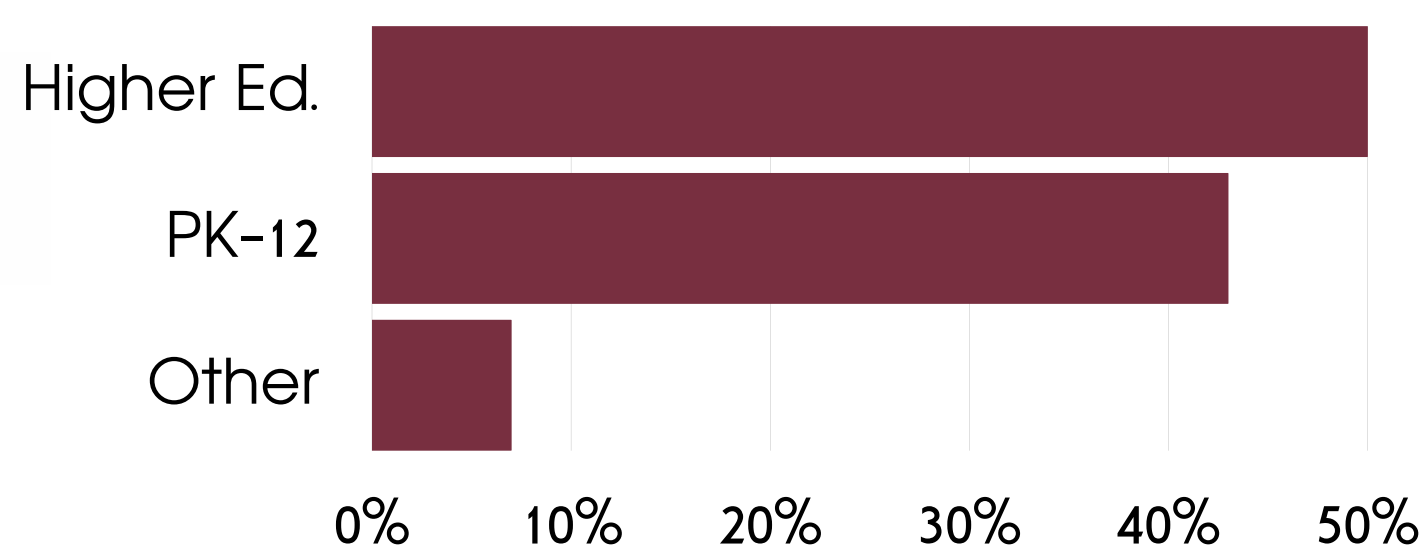
120 students are currently enrolled in the program, spanning across **4** cohorts.

➡ All students engage in research to improve educational practice in their local contexts.

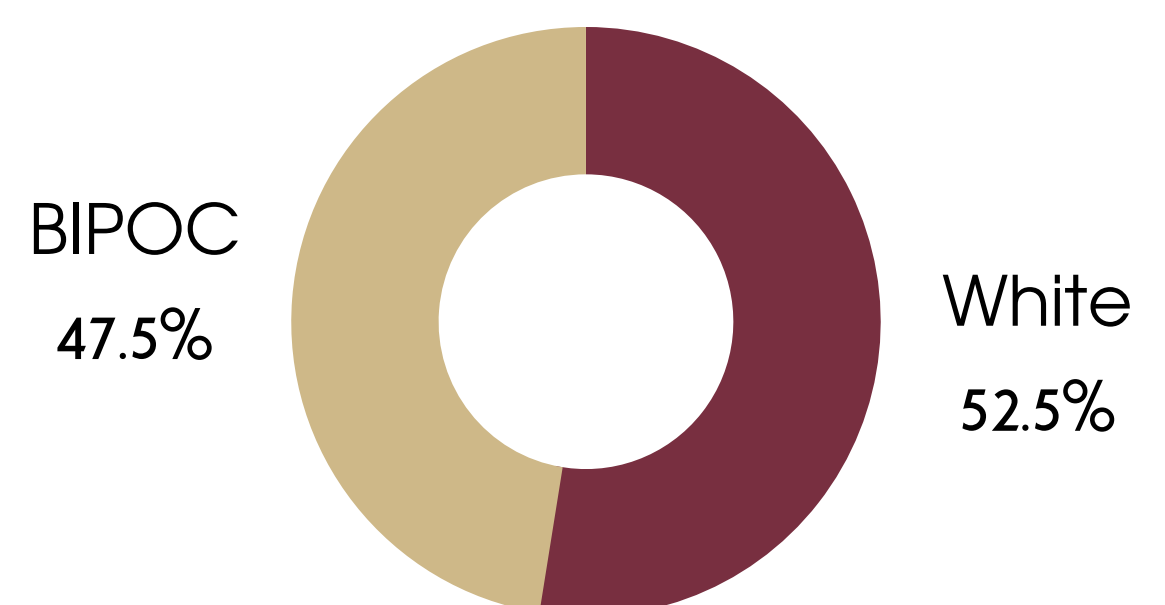
29% of current students have a research topic with an explicit focus on equity



Occupations



47.5% of students identify as students of color



Employees of more than **24** school districts and **32** colleges or universities are represented

"Completing this journey allowed me to achieve a dream that I never thought was possible. I've grown as a scholar, educator, and person as a direct result of this program."

2023 EdD Graduate

72% of students are women.



Student Highlights

JULIE PERRY (COHORT 8)

Teacher, Computer Science
Florida State University Schools

In collaboration with the Florida Department of Education, Julie Perry was chosen to serve on the committee tasked with writing the new Computer Science (CS) standards for Florida's schools. Julie's research interests center on computer literacy, CTE course-taking, and their impact on students' decisions to pursue careers in STEM.

"I am proud to be part of a process that is helping teachers deliver top-notch computer science education to our students across the state."



SHANA KENT-SMITH (COHORT 6)

Program Director, Respiratory Care
Polk State College

Shana Kent-Smith and her department were recognized by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (or CoARC), earning the 2023 Distinguished Registered Respiratory Care Credentialing Success Award (for the 9th consecutive year!). Shana's research focuses on exploring the experiences of racial and ethnic minority faculty in allied healthcare majors at Florida colleges serving rural areas.

"I am very proud of our program's success and look forward to continuing to excel in the Respiratory Care community! [...] Together, we prepare our students to become more than the average critical care Registered Respiratory Therapists serving our community."



DR. TRACEY DOWLING (COHORT 4)

Program Director, Experiential Learning
Florida State University

EdD Alum Dr. Tracey Dowling was honored by the Society of Experiential Education (SEE) with their 2023 Dissertation of the Year Award! In her dissertation, Dr. Dowling utilized the SEE's "8 Principles of Good Practice for All Experiential Learning Activities" as one of three frameworks to evaluate FSU's Experience Recognition Program (ERP).



DR. KIMBERLY MOORE (COHORT 4)

Chief Workforce Innovation Officer
Yavapai College

EdD Alum Dr. Kimberly Moore was selected as one of 31 educators in the nation to take part in the Aspen Rising Presidential Fellowship program! The Aspen Rising Fellowship program is intended to recruit and develop "exceptional leaders" in education in order to alleviate the alarming turnover rate among community college presidents.

"I had no doubt that upon completion of the EdD program in April of this year, the doors would be opening. [...] However, my recent selection by the Aspen Rising Presidential Fellows program as one of 31 in the nation is evidence that the sky is the limit."



Faculty Highlights

RECENT HONORS & PUBLICATIONS

Faculty in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies are leaders in their fields who are dedicated to helping bridge research and practice in education.



Dr. Annie Wofford

- Appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board for "Studies in Graduate and Postdoctoral Education"



Dr. Cameron Beatty

- Invited to join the Diversity Scholars Network with the National Center for Institutional Diversity



Dr. Toby Park Gaghan

- Helios Foundation Education Grant



Dr. Lara Perez Felkner

- Selected as Outstanding Reviewer for 2022 by the AERA



Dr. Erica Harbatkin

- Named to the editorial board of the Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness.



Dr. Christine Mokher

- Fullbright Award



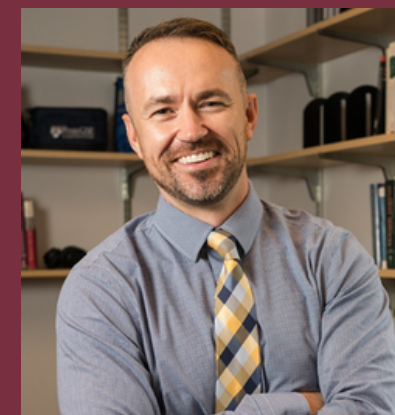
Dr. Eric Ludwig

- 2022-23 University Teaching Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching



Dr. Stephanie Zuilkowski

- 2023 Ralph Stair Prize in Innovative Education



Dr. Walter Ecton

- Authored a chapter in the book "Economics of Equity in K-12 Education"



Dr. Tamara Bertrand Jones

- Elected as the CAHEP Early Career Faculty Workshop Chair



Dr. Daniel Moraguez

- AERA's Social Justice Leadership SIG "Dissertation of the Year" Award



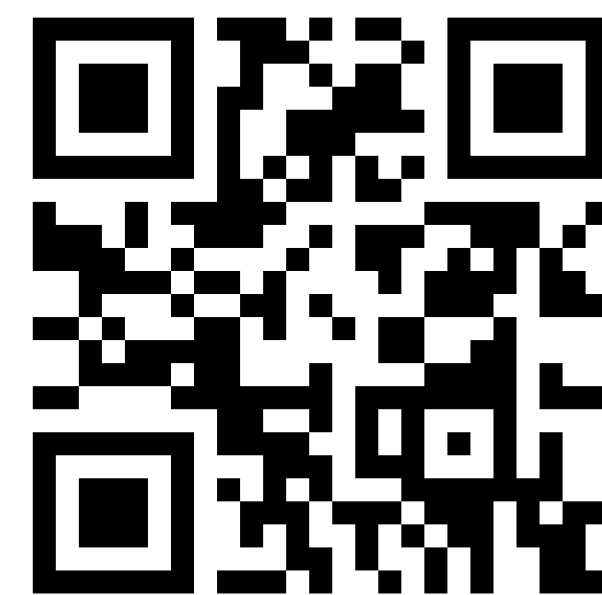
Dr. Kathy Guthrie

- ACPA's Senior Professionals Award

JOIN COHORT 9 IN 2024!

- Application window opens **August 1st, 2023**.
- Application deadline is **February 1st, 2024**. Early review deadline is November 15th, 2023.
- Classes start **May, 2023**. The 2023 Summer Institute will be held in Tallahassee from June 10th-11th.
- For application and program requirements, use the QR code below or visit education.fsu.edu/elp-edd.
- For questions or to discuss the program, contact Dr. Eric Ludwig, ELPS faculty and Program Director: eludwig@fsu.edu

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