Dear Prospective 2018 Doctoral Student:

Wilmington University is pleased that you have expressed an interest in its Doctor of Education Degree Programs in Leadership.

The Ed.D. Program is designed to accommodate persons who have had direct experience as a teacher or leader in education or in other fields such as business, government, and health professions. The curriculum is structured to address both theoretical and practical issues in innovation and leadership. Our faculty is carefully selected and is comprised of persons with doctoral degrees who have considerable practical experience. You will note that there are three leadership concentrations in the program: Educational Leadership, Organizational Leadership and Innovation and Higher Education Leadership and Innovation. Please refer to the University’s website for more information regarding the program and the differences in the three concentrations. Please note that if your goal is to teach in a higher education setting, it does not necessarily mean you should apply to that concentration.

Specific information about the program and its requirements is enclosed with this letter. Application deadline for the January 2018 online cohort is October 30, 2017. This applies only to the Higher Education and Organizational Leadership degrees. Application deadline for fall 2018 early admission for all programs is February 1, 2018 with a March 1, 2018 decision date. The application deadline for fall 2018 regular admission is May 22, 2018 with a July 1 decision date. When you have completed all sections of the application materials, please mail them to the Office of Graduate Admissions, Wilmington University, 31 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720. Application materials can be emailed to laura.l.sanbuichi@wilmu.edu. The completed application must be accompanied by a non-refundable $35.00 application fee. Application packets received by the University Office of Admissions will be acknowledged as they are received.

As stated, the doctoral faculty will review admission requests in February for early admission, and in June for regular admission. Candidates will be notified of their acceptance status by March 1 and July 1, respectively. Consideration for the on-line program is on-going. The committee will notify you regarding a possible interview with the doctoral faculty.

Students admitted into the Ed.D. Program Cohort will receive an invitation to an orientation session scheduled for the last Monday of July and in the case of Educational Leadership, three following days, and classes will begin in accordance with the university schedule.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Brown, Ed.D.
Director of Advanced Programs
Wilmington University
PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT APPLICATIONS FOR THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNTIL ALL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS ARE COMPLETED.

1. Send required materials to the Office of Graduate Admissions, Wilmington University, 31 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720 or email to laura.l.sanbuichi@wilmu.edu. Please send transcripts to gradadmissions@wilmu.edu.

2. A non-refundable application fee of $35.00 must accompany the complete application. Please make check or money order payable to Wilmington University. Cash will not be accepted. All information supplied on the application form should be typed or printed neatly.

3. Submit a résumé to laura.l.sanbuichi@wilmu.edu as a part of the completed application packet.

4. Transcripts must be official and reflect all undergraduate and graduate degrees and course work. You may request that transcripts be mailed or emailed directly to gradadmissions@wilmu.edu or the Office of Admissions from the institution(s) or to you.

5. Three recommendation letters must be submitted, one from an immediate supervisor and two from professional colleagues or academic professors. Letters must have been written within the past year and must address the candidate’s capacity for doctoral work at Wilmington University, as well as their demonstrated leadership and/or leadership potential within the selected field of study. Personal recommendations are discouraged. The recommendation letters may be mailed directly to the Office of Admissions or emailed to laura.l.sanbuichi@wilmu.edu from the person writing the letter.

6. An important part of the application process is an evaluation of your writing. Please submit a statement that meets the following criteria:
   - The statement must be completely original and in your own words, and not a summary or paraphrasing of someone else’s work or ideas.
   - The statement should be clear and concise (not more than four pages, but not less than two pages, 1.5” spacing) and should avoid educational jargon.
   - The statement should include a brief explanation of why you are interested in earning a doctoral degree at Wilmington University.
   - The statement should include a brief description of your views on innovation and what part innovation plays in leadership.
   - Read the set of standards below that reflects the degree program in which you are interested.
     - Organizational Leadership
     - Higher Education Leadership
     - Educational Leadership
     - District Level
     - Building Level
     - Classroom Level
   - Using these standards as a guide, briefly assess your strengths and areas for growth, share some of your aspirations for the future, and describe how your selected program will help you meet those goals.
   - Describe your research and/or scholarly interests.

7. Applications for the Ed.D in Educational Leadership must include a copy of the applicant’s current teaching license/certificate and Praxis I or Praxis Core scores that meet Delaware minimum requirements.
8. A one-day (required) program orientation will be held in the summer preceding our fall semester for all degrees. For applicants in the Educational Leadership Program, this will extend an additional three days. The orientations will be on the last Monday in July, and in the case of the Ed Leadership program, extend through Thursday of that week. In subsequent years, one day seminars will be required. In each case, these will be part of a course grade.


10. To be eligible for consideration by the doctoral faculty, the completed application packet must be received by the deadlines indicated on the proceeding page.

11. On-Line admission applications for Organizational Leadership and Higher Education Leadership are accepted and will be considered through October 30, 2017.

12. Early admission applications are accepted and will be considered through February 1, 2018.

13. Regular applications are accepted and will be considered through May 22, 2018.

Admission to the program is different from candidacy for a degree. Candidacy for the Ed.D. degree program requires the completion of the admission process described above, a grade point average of 3.0 or higher graduate level work, successful completion of the field component requirement, acceptable performance on either a content assessment examination (OL/HL), School Superintendent Assessment (EL: District Concentration), School Leaders Licensure Assessment (EL: Building Concentration) and a content assessment (EL: Classroom Concentration) completion of the required number of credit hours as designated by degree.