



“First Choice” Doctoral Support Program

Ed.D. in Higher Education & Ed.D. in Educational Administration

Texas A&M University-Commerce

With Support from Texas A&M University-Central Texas

Overview: Students from the Central Texas area interested in a Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) program in Higher Education or Educational Administration (K-12), are encouraged to explore the respective programs in the Texas A&M University System – See respective programs below. However, students interested in a 100% online Ed.D. program in Higher Education or Educational Administration are encouraged to explore the “First Choice” program at Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce). The reason for “First Choice” is the respective programs are the only 100% online programs in the Texas A&M System.

Process: All prospective students in the “First Choice” program need to contact Dr. Russ Porter, Director of the Texas A&M University-Central Texas (A&M-Central Texas) portion of the program, to help guide the prospective student through the initial contact with A&M-Commerce. He will also support the student for research if accepted by A&M-Commerce. Further support from the A&M-Central Texas Library will be provided on a case-by-case basis.

A&M-Central Texas Support: All admissions decisions to the respective Ed.D. programs are the responsibility of A&M-Commerce, and the degrees awarded will be from A&M-Commerce. The “First Choice” program is not a collaborative program between A&M-Commerce and A&M-Central Texas. However, A&M-Central Texas does provide support in the areas of “First Contact” with A&M-Commerce, and with subsequent research and library resources support.

Potential Texas A&M University System Ed.D. Programs: The following Ed.D. programs are available in the Texas A&M University System, including the “First Choice” programs. Contact information for programs are available from Dr. Porter:

Texas A&M System University	Higher Education	Educational Administration (K-12)
<u>Texas A&M University-Commerce</u>	<u>Ed.D. 100% Online “First Choice”</u>	<u>Ed.D. 100% Online “First Choice”</u>
Texas A&M University (College Station)	(Ph.D. Only - No Ed.D.)	Ed.D. (Saturday Format)
Tarleton State University	Ed.D. Hybrid (Face to Face/Online)	Ed.D. Hybrid (Face to Face/Online)
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	Ed.D. Hybrid (Face to Face/Online)	Ed.D. Hybrid (Face to Face/Online)
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	Ed.D. Hybrid (Face to Face/Online)	Ed.D. Hybrid (Face to Face/Online)
Texas A&M University-TeXarkana	No Ed.D.	Ed.D. Hybrid (Face to Face/Online)

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