We were really able to engage as scholar-practitioners during our dissertations, when we were encouraged to use the critical lens we’d been developing throughout the coursework on a real issue we were facing in our careers.

BRIAN AGUILAR, EDD
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR CALIFORNIA STUDIES, AND DIRECTOR OF THE EXECUTIVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
Help fulfill the promise of education. Become a transformational leader through the CANDEL Ed.D. program.

PROGRAM FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS

The CANDEL program was designed to allow education professionals to continue working while acquiring the skills they need to achieve career and leadership success. Students become better-informed educational leaders who are both critical consumers and producers of research.

- Students in years one and two attend small, cohort-based classes one Friday and Saturday every three weeks during the academic year and in week-long learning institute sessions during the summer.
- Students begin research and dissertation work in year three, with one-on-one guidance from their faculty advisor.
- Cohort members form strong communities and continue to support one another beyond their initial two-year course period together.
- Learning focuses on transforming policy into practice, understanding data for decision-making, building community in a diverse society, and visionary leadership and management.
- Most students complete their Ed.D. degree in 3-5 years. The program offers flexibility for students who need more time.
- Financial aid and student support are available in accordance with the UC Davis Financial Aid Office policies and practices.

“My doctorate from the CANDEL program has made me a much more analytical and innovative thinker, and a better advocate for how policies get implemented on the ground and their impacts on students.”

GENEVIEVE SIWABESSY, EDD STUDENT LIFE SUPERVISOR FOLSOM LAKE COLLEGE

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

Learn more and apply online at: education.ucdavis.edu/candel

Contact the program office at: candelEdD@ucdavis.edu (530) 754-6664