MISSION
The mission of the Doctoral Program in Education offered by San Diego State University and Claremont Graduate University is to develop scholars who are committed to research on democratic schooling, social justice and equal educational outcomes for all students, and the improvement of educational systems serving diverse communities. How can we develop schools and colleges that are more responsive to such communities? How can we make sense of the complexity of educational organizations, the communities they serve, and the environments in which they operate? If you are anxious to contribute to the knowledge base that supports creation of educational programs and systems that are more democratic and more effective, the SDSU/CGU Joint Doctoral Program in Education can help you achieve that goal.

EXPECTATIONS
The Ph.D. is awarded on the basis of the candidate’s achievement in these areas:
- understanding of diversity and its implications for education;
- analysis and development of educational policy;
- expertise in systemic organizational change;
- application of theory and research-based knowledge to the transformation of communities;
- use of effective educational practices, including tools available through technology; and
- contribution to the knowledge base in education.

REQUIREMENTS
Students demonstrate these capabilities through:
- coursework (24 units at SDSU and 24 units at CGU)
- two research tools
- two qualifying exams
- completion of a dissertation under the supervision of a committee composed of faculty from both universities.

In consultation with faculty advisors from both CGU and SDSU, students develop an individualized program of study appropriate to their particular interests and designed to support their attainment of the expectations intended by the program.

BENEFITS
- Flexible program design
- Faculty research and expertise in such areas as public policy, organizational theory and leadership, curriculum and instruction, multilingual and multicultural education, and qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Resources of a large, public research institution and a small, private university
- Research and/or teaching opportunities
- Full-time or part-time option, evening classes (weekend classes at CGU)
- Since 1981, more than 200 education professionals have earned their Ph.D. through the SDSU/CGU program. Graduates of the program are currently employed as school principals, superintendents, program directors, and classroom teachers, college and university faculty and administrators, educational specialists in private and public agencies, and consultants to schools and businesses.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Master’s degree from an accredited university w/ a G.P.A of 3.0 or above
- GRE scores no older than 5 years
- Reside in San Diego or Imperial counties, or commit to relocating if admitted to the program

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Cal State Apply: 12/15/2017
- Decision Desk Program Application: 12/15/2017
- Official Transcripts: 1/12/2018

How to Apply
http://go.sdsu.edu/education/admissions/sdsu-cgu-joint-phd.aspx

APPLICATION PROCESS

*For more details and resources, visit http://go.sdsu.edu.education/doc

1. Complete the Cal State Apply University application at www.calstate.edu/apply

2. Request that official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework be sent to both institutions:
   Graduate Admissions
   SDSU - Enrollment Services
   5500 Campanile Dr.
   San Diego, CA 92182-7416
   Office of Admissions
   Claremont Graduate University
   170 E. Tenth St.
   Claremont, CA 91711-6163

3. Request standardized test scores from Educational Testing Services (ETS). Official scores must be sent directly to SDSU (institutional code 4682) and CGU (institutional code 4053) for GRE and/or TOEFL

4. Complete the Decision Desk Program application at http://decisiondesk.sdsu.edu/Education_PhD.html
   The Decision Desk Program application requires:
   - Personal statement (2-3 pages, double spaced) that includes your reasons for seeking admission to this particular doctoral program, your perceived strengths and weaknesses in preparation for doctoral study, your research interests, and your relevant academic and employment experiences. Indicate why you believe the SDSU/CGU Joint Ph.D. Program in Education is appropriate for you. Be sure to include the faculty at SDSU and CGU with whom you would like to work, based on your thorough knowledge of their work.
   - Current resume listing work experiences, education, awards, publications, and presentations
   - Three (3) academic and/or professional recommendations. Ask recommenders to use the form they receive via Decision Desk.
   - Unofficial transcripts from each institution attended, including verification of completion of a master's degree. If degree requirements have not yet been met, submit a transcript listing all work completed to date.