

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
RECOMMENDATION

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve the creation of a new degree award- the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Educational Leadership. Upon approval, new graduates of the doctoral program in Educational Leadership would receive the Ph.D. rather than the current degree award, the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership.

SUMMARY

EMU's current Ed.D. award requires the successful completion of an original dissertation along with completion of required preparatory coursework. When the program was originally designed and approved, the Ed.D. award was the prevailing choice among benchmark and competitive peer universities. Over time, disciplinary practice has shifted towards the granting of Ph.D degrees in programs that require the completion of a dissertation, with Ed.D. awards granted from non-dissertation doctoral programs. The change in degree award keeps EMU practice consistent with disciplinary benchmarks and competitors in Michigan. The change will more clearly communicate the work completed by program graduates.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None at this time. This is a revision to degree award and requires no additional resources.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer
 Provost and Executive Vice President

Date