



## **The Principal Residency Network Frequently Asked Questions**

### **JWU Ed.D. Program Concurrent Enrollment**

#### **→ Is the Ed.D program held in person or online?**

The JWU is considered a hybrid program. Weekend classes (8 weekends per semester) meet on four Fridays and four Saturdays per semester. Friday evening classes meet synchronously remote, meaning that you access the class during scheduled hours, usually over Zoom. Class sessions on Saturdays meet face-to-face on our Harborside Campus.

#### **→ What are the four JWU courses for which I earn credits through my first year in the PRN program?**

- Elementary and Secondary Educational Leadership 8095 (spring)
- Strategy & Change in Elementary and Secondary Education 7011 (fall)
- Organizational Theory, Behavior, and Development in Elementary & Secondary Education 7032 (fall)
- Teaching & Learning in Elementary & Secondary Education 7035 (spring)

#### **→ If going into the Ed.D program, how many credits are earned upon completion of the PRN program?**

Aspiring Principals who are accepted/enrolled in both the PRN and JWU Doc Program earn 24 credits in the doctoral program (which is a 60 credit program) upon successful completion of the first year of PRN.

#### **→ How exactly are my PRN scores from the first year “translated” into JWU Ed.D. credits?**

Your advisor, in collaboration with the Adjunct Professor for the JWU program at CLEE, uses the [JWU Ed.D. Grade Translation Tool](#) (sample) to translate PRN scores to JWU grades, based on your PRN learning and residency, along with the JWU Area of Focus to communicate the grade you have earned.

#### **→ When is the time frame for a PRN Aspiring Principal to concurrently enroll in JWU Ed.D?**

Any PRN Aspiring Principal who wants to be concurrently enrolled in PRN and JWU must do so during their first year in PRN. They must apply to JWU before June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year they are accepted into PRN. To apply to the doctoral program, contact [Victor Mercurio](#) and let him know you are interested in PRN.

### → How do classes and tuition work when you are concurrently enrolled?

During your first year, (or only year if you are in the Classic program), you have to enroll in and pay for 2 Ed.D. classes (they are each 6 credits) each semester = 4 classes. *However, you do not have to attend any of these classes at JWU.* Rather, your work and time in the PRN in your first year will satisfy the requirements for these four courses. So, the two benefits to concurrently enrolling in the PRN and JWU (which can only occur during your first (or only) year in the PRN are:

1. You only pay JWU and not PRN for the first year in the PRN.
2. Your residency requirements fulfill the JWU course expectations.

### Two Important Notes:

- If you begin the JWU/PRN concurrent enrollment and (a) decide to discontinue in JWU after the first semester and/or (b) do not meet proficiency in PRN at the middle of the year (resulting in not earning credit or the grades to continue at JWU for the second semester), you will need to pay CLEE for the PRN tuition for the second semester since you will no longer be concurrently enrolled.
- If you want to enroll at JWU after completing the PRN, you will have to pay PRN's full tuition and JWU's full tuition - and go to all JWU courses and complete all PRN experiences. Basically, there is no benefit at all to doing it this way (other than giving you more time to decide).

### → What do the classes and schedule look like after completing the first (and/or only year) in the PRN?

You have to enroll/pay for 4 JWU courses in your first year in the PRN (see above). After you complete your first year in the PRN and earn those 4 JWU courses, here are your choices:

- **Option 1:** Take a year break from JWU courses. This would allow you to finish the PRN and get a leadership position without concurrently taking additional classes. You would re-enroll in JWU the following fall
- **Option 2:** Begin JWU-based classes the fall after your first or only year in the PRN. Take 1 course per semester in the two academic years after your 1<sup>st</sup> or only year in PRN.

**For Both Options:** When you resume your coursework at JWU, you will take 1 course at a time each semester for two years. This allows you the right amount of challenge/support to be both an excellent leader and doctoral scholar.

Upon completion of the coursework, you would take your comprehensive assessment and begin work on your research proposal and dissertation. Ideally, you would complete this process and graduate in May of your fourth year. Continuing advisement fees pick up if you do not complete by the end of the spring semester following the comprehensive assessments. You have up to six years to finish from the first fall (PRN year).