

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN LEADERSHIP STUDIES

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The program has been designed to involve faculty across the University of Lynchburg's academic colleges to prepare leaders for the complexity of their challenges in leadership positions.

The three goals for the program are as follows:

1. To engage students in a rigorous interdisciplinary process of exploration, inquiry, engagement, practice, and reflection to expand their leadership knowledge and skills;
2. To prepare students to exhibit leadership that will enable schools, colleges, universities, non-profits, community agencies, or other organizations to meet identified goals and objectives;
3. To develop visionary leaders who can work across boundaries and disciplines to positively impact the community;

The program objectives include the following:

1. To provide students with interdisciplinary knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to lead an organization in changing and adapting in an increasingly global environment;
2. To enable students to examine community issues from an interdisciplinary, systemic perspective;
3. To provide students with an opportunity to develop creative and innovative responses to local, state, national, and international issues;
4. To allow students to demonstrate analytical, problem-solving, and research skills grounded in sound empirical study;
5. To implement and evaluate leadership practices based on various theories, models, and approaches to achieving organizational effectiveness;
6. To examine the dynamics of communities with a focus on interrelationships of leadership, capital, vision, and culture.

The program is designed to be completed by cohort groups. All cohort members must have completed a prior master's degree as a prerequisite to be considered for admission.

Edd Requirements

The program requirements include 14 core interdisciplinary doctoral courses for a total of 42 hours, 1 master's-level course of 3 hours (EDLS 690), and two dissertation courses (6 hours each) for a total of 12 hours of dissertation research, totaling a minimum of 57 credit hours of coursework beyond a master's degree for program completion.

Edd Curriculum			Hours
LS	800	Human Resource Management	3
LS	801	Epidemiology of Community Public Health Issues	3
LS	802	Quantitative Research	3
LS	803	Legal and Ethical Dimensions of Leadership	3
LS	804	Qualitative and Action Research	3
LS	805	Community Dynamics	3
LS	806	Public Policy	3
LS	807	Government, Politics, and Leadership	3
LS	808	Dissertation Seminar: Research and Readings in Leadership Studies	3
LS	809	Organizational Leadership and Change	3
LS	811	Organizational Communication	3
LS	813	System Design and Tools for Sustainability	3
LS	814	Research Design and Literature Review	3
LS	815	Leadership Models and Practice	3
LS	890	Dissertation Research	6
LS	891	Dissertation Capstone	6
EDLS	690	Principles of Leadership	3
<i>Total Hours Required</i>			<i>57</i>