



# The Doctor of Education in Leadership Studies

**WANT TO TAKE YOUR EDUCATION AND YOUR CAREER A STEP FURTHER?**

The Doctor of Education (EdD) in Leadership Studies prepares you for the challenges that face today's leaders in education, government, and public and nonprofit organizations. This rigorous, interdisciplinary program includes coursework from across the academic disciplines and aims to produce visionary leaders who work across boundaries for positive change in their communities.

The EdD includes emphases in legal and ethical issues, economic trends and considerations, public policy, governmental affairs, human resources, sustainability, community health, organizational change strategies, research methods and dissertation planning, effective communication, diversity and disability policy issues, community dynamics, and other areas.

## **Program features:**

- Three-year cohort program.
- Total credit hours: 54.
- Master's degree required.
- No licensure required to complete program (not a teacher licensure program).
- (14) three-hour seminars.
- Dissertation Research (six hours).
- Dissertation Capstone (six hours).

“The interdisciplinary approach to leadership was definitely a plus and our excellent professors were passionate about their field of study and eager to share the most important aspects with us. The EdD program opened my eyes to a world beyond just K-12 education. I had the opportunity to understand the role of leadership from many perspectives, as well as the importance of community partners, which is now essential to my new position. I also learned the importance of transparency as a leader, and this drives my decisions on a daily basis.”

**Donna Lewis '14 EdD**  
Director, Laurel Regional School  
Lynchburg, Virginia



“Earning my EdD from Lynchburg marked a turning point in my career. ... As a result of the multidisciplinary design of the program, I’m able to see leadership challenges and opportunities through the lens of history, public policy, community development, or public health. My training in research design and analysis has been integral in program development and decision-making. I remain grateful to the University, not only for the formal education but also for the personal and professional relationships I developed through the program.”

**Alexis Ehrhardt '16 EdD**  
President and CEO, Danville Pittsylvania  
County Chamber of Commerce  
Danville, Virginia

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