



## The **Doctor of Education**

# Emphasis in Educational Practice

### **Scholarship that blends practice and theory into enhanced learning.**

Practitioner scholars and scholar leaders have a unique opportunity to engage with community stakeholders to identify institutional, environmental and educational challenges and solve problems of practice that impact the broader context of our region and world. The Doctor of Education, Emphasis in Educational Practice degree program at the University of Missouri–St. Louis is designed to transform a high impact problem of practice into focused results that improve community partnerships and enhance research and policy outcomes for the region.

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The EdD in Education, Emphasis in Educational Practice at UMSL is designed for practicing educators who are interested in leading critical analyses of existing problems of practice and proposing solutions to those problems which can be assessed for effectiveness.

Admitted doctoral students become part of a learning community of practice that is formed around a central theme. An example of some of the cohort themes that have been promoted in the past include Heritage Leadership: Sustainability, Social Justice and Participatory Culture; College Access, Career Readiness and Student Services in Higher Education; Educational Leadership for Character and Citizenship; and Social Justice in Education. A variety of learning experiences emerge within the cohorts, including the scholarly process of conducting research and collaborating with community stakeholders when possible to gather, review and analyze data related to a problem of practice. Students also explore solutions to the problem of practice that may impact the educational workplace and local community.

Learning communities for this EdD program are offered on a rotational schedule and begin during the respective fall semester. Members of the learning community advance through the program together as a cohort and complete the degree requirements within 3 to 3 ½ years. Students enroll in approximately 5-7 credits each semester, and 80 credit hours are required for degree completion. The program culminates with a Dissertation in Practice project that can be collaborative.

## Prepare for an ever-changing world.

The College of Education at UMSL offers a variety of programs that lead to exciting and rewarding career opportunities. Our faculty, staff and community partners are committed to providing experiences that build the knowledge and skills needed for individuals to be successful in multiple educational settings and occupations. These careers include teachers, principals and district superintendents; educators and administrators for organizations like museums, zoos and nature centers; counselors and mental health professionals for schools, hospitals, corporate employee assistance programs, clinics and private settings; and postsecondary leaders and instructors for community colleges, career technical schools and four-year colleges and universities.

The college also hosts many projects and initiatives that enhance student experiences in our programs, and works with more than 50 public and private schools and institutions in the region.

## Serious education. Serious value.

The EdD in Education, Emphasis in Educational Practice is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, which is why UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

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