



The **Doctor of Philosophy** in

# Education, Emphasis in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

**Leading the way in educational leadership.**

Our education system needs strong, capable leaders today more than ever. The PhD in Education, Emphasis in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Missouri–St. Louis offers a strong theoretical and conceptual foundation to support your work within your organization. It also provides the research, knowledge and skills you need to begin your own scholarly work within a university setting.

## **Doctor of Philosophy in Education, Emphasis in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies**

The PhD in Education, Emphasis in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies degree is designed to enhance the knowledge and competencies of research scholars and help them develop into thoughtful, effective academics who are skilled in identifying gaps in the literature related to sociocultural, leadership and student service challenges within our communities and educational settings.

This campus-based degree program requires independent study under the guidance of doctoral faculty who are leading scholars in their respective fields, often sought out for their expertise. Areas of research within this emphasis area include Higher Education and Social Justice.

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to examine and apply complex interrelationships that affect issues of diversity, equity and social justice, leveraging the use of cross-disciplinary perspectives to strengthen research outcomes. They will learn the art of demonstrating leadership skills to promote community engagement or civic action to benefit the public good. They will also be able to analyze, categorize and evaluate qualitative, quantitative and/or mixed methods approaches within an education context.

## 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; postsecondary leaders and researchers; and community college, career technical and university faculty.

Our College of Education faculty is committed to performing research and creative activities that produce the kind of outcomes to help solve real-world problems in the field. Even more, the college hosts many projects and initiatives that enhance student experiences in our programs, and works with more than 50 public and private schools and institutions throughout the region.

## Serious education. Serious value.

The PhD in Education, Emphasis in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies 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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