

## Ed.D. Program Highlights

### Let's break it down...

- 60-hour degree program
- Curriculum:
  - 15 hours of core courses
  - 18 hours of specialization courses
  - 9 hours of research courses
  - 6 hours of clinical internship courses
  - 12 hours of dissertation seminar courses
- Cross-disciplinary courses with the Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business; the Jesse D. Jones College of Science, Engineering, and Technology; and the Hutson School of Agriculture
- Executive-style delivery
- Cohort-based
- Hybrid courses
- Can be completed via distance delivery
- Prior Learning Assessment available
- Ed.S. to Ed.D. bridge available

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How much does the program cost?**

**A:** Current tuition rates for doctoral-level courses can be found on the Bursar's Office page of the Murray State website.

**Q: Does the program require a dissertation?**

**A:** Yes, a five-chapter dissertation will be prepared by each participant.

**Q: Can I transfer credit into the program?**

**A:** Yes, the number of hours transferred into the program will be determined after a transcript review of all graduate level work. Credit can also be awarded via Prior Learning Assessment.

**Q: Will this prepare me to obtain tenure or a tenure-related position at a university or college?**

**A:** Maybe. This program is designed to prepare innovative leaders who are change agents in their career field. Before you enter the program for tenure-related purposes, you should seek input from your current or potential employers.



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**DOCTOR OF EDUCATION  
IN P-20 & COMMUNITY  
LEADERSHIP**

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# About the Program

The Doctor of Education in P-20 and Community Leadership was developed to produce bold and innovative agents of change who will lead P-20 initiatives that will be beneficial to the schools, communities, businesses, and organizations they serve.

Individuals well suited for participation include:

- experienced leaders in pK-12, postsecondary, community, nonprofit, agriculture, and STEM-related areas who have a proven record of success as a P-20 leader;
- practitioners in pK-12, postsecondary, community, nonprofit, agriculture, and STEM-related areas with an interest in data-driven decision-making and applied research agendas;
- and educational thought-leaders as well as innovative individuals focusing on cutting-edge educational initiatives and/or programs.

The program follows the executive-style cohort model and is designed to be completed in three years. The cohort meets (on campus or via distance delivery) four weekends in the fall semester and three in the spring semester with the balance of the work being completed online. The program can be completed 100% via distance delivery. The program design allows potential students from both inside and outside the MSU service region the opportunity to enjoy the innovative nature of the student experience.

The 60-hour program has four specializations: pK-12 Leadership, Postsecondary Leadership, STEM Leadership, and Agriculture Education. Admission is granted on a competitive basis with cohorts starting in both the fall and spring semesters.

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## Postsecondary Specialization

The specialization in Postsecondary Leadership is designed for individuals serving in leadership roles in postsecondary institutions, including community colleges and four-year public and four-year private colleges and universities. This specialization may also be applicable for individuals serving institutions of higher education through community agencies, governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, or private/consulting organizations. There are six (6) hours of predetermined specialization courses and twelve (12) hours selected from approved electives.

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## Agriculture Education Specialization

The specialization in Agriculture Education prepares graduates to work with people involved in a vast array of agricultural fields. The curriculum emphasizes the development of leadership capabilities, communication skills, and research competence. The concentration is multidisciplinary and is designed to develop students for leadership positions in local, state, regional, and national organizations and agencies involved in the agriculture industry. There are fifteen (15) hours of predetermined specialization courses and three (3) hours selected from approved electives. This specialization is offered through an interdisciplinary collaboration with the Hutson School of Agriculture.

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## pK-12 Specialization

The specialization in pK-12 Leadership is designed for pK-12 educators with significant leadership experience at the state, district, and/or school level. This specialization may also be applicable for individuals serving the pK-12 population in community agencies, governmental agencies, or private/consulting organizations. There are six (6) hours of predetermined specialization courses and twelve (12) hours selected from approved electives.

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## STEM Specialization

STEM Leadership is designed for individuals with a Master's degree in a STEM field who have leadership experience in a P-20 setting. There are nine (9) hours of predetermined specialization courses and nine (9) hours selected from approved STEM electives. This specialization is offered through an interdisciplinary collaboration with the Jesse D. Jones College of Science, Engineering, and Technology.

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## Ed.S. to Ed.D. Bridge Specialization

The Ed.S. to Ed.D. bridge program is designed for individuals who hold an Ed.S. degree from a regionally accredited institution and who are interested in pursuing a terminal degree. Up to 30 credit hours can be transferred into the Ed.D. program based on a review of the Ed.S. transcript by program faculty.