

# LEADERSHIP STUDIES, ED.D.

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This program is designed to offer the opportunity to earn the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree in Educational Leadership. Coursework is online; other requirements will be met on the South Charleston campus. The mission of the doctoral program in education is to prepare practitioners to be reflective, ethical educators and researchers who contribute to the field of education. Program faculty are committed to creating a community of scholars through mentoring, engaging in collaborative research, and maintaining a focus on sound educational practices.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants should follow the admissions process described in this catalog or at the Graduate Admissions website at [www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission](http://www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission) (<https://www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission/>). Details of all admission requirements and other pertinent information can be found at [www.marshall.edu/lsedd](http://www.marshall.edu/lsedd) (<https://www.marshall.edu/lsedd/>).

## Acceptance into the Program

The decision to admit an applicant to doctoral work constitutes a significant commitment from the faculty of the department in the form of advising, teaching, chairing or serving on the student's committee, preparing and evaluating examinations, and guiding the successful completion of the dissertation. The applicant should note that the decision to admit students to the doctoral program is a collective judgment of the program faculty and represents their determination of the likelihood of the candidate to succeed in all major phases of the degree program. These judgments take into account the applicant's professional experiences, communication and thinking skills, and other relevant capabilities. Thus, an applicant is not automatically admitted on the basis of meeting only the minimum criteria.

An applicant must have earned at least a master's degree from an accredited institution in Educational Leadership, Curriculum and Instruction, or a related field. Details of all admission requirements and other pertinent information can be found at [www.marshall.edu/lsedd](http://www.marshall.edu/lsedd) (<https://www.marshall.edu/lsedd/>).