Executive Doctorate in Leadership and Innovation

(Ed.D.)

Rivier UNIVERSITY

The Executive Doctorate for leaders who want to transform organizations

Designed for leaders in business, healthcare, education, government, nonprofit, and human services organizations, Rivier's 100% online Executive Doctorate in Leadership and Innovation prepares you to solve complex challenges, lead transformation, and create lasting organizational impact.

You have the experience. Now gain the knowledge, strategies, and credential to lead at the highest level. Through a curriculum grounded in improvement science, systems thinking, applied research, and innovation, you'll learn to solve complex organizational challenges, lead transformation initiatives, and create measurable results within your organization.

Rivier's Executive Doctorate is built for leaders ready to drive organizational change

Start When You're Ready

With three start dates each year (fall, spring, and summer), you can begin when the time is right for you.

Learn 100% Online

Advance your career without putting your life on hold. Rivier's flexible Ed.D. allows you to complete coursework on your schedule while working full-time.

Affordable Tuition

The most affordable Ed.D. program in New Hampshire, Rivier delivers exceptional value while keeping your educational costs manageable.

Create Change That Lasts

Your dissertation in practice is integrated throughout the program so you can complete both your courses and dissertation in as little as 2.5 years.

Advance Your Career and Earning Potential

Prepare for executive and senior leadership opportunities, including:

- Chief Executive Officer/ President
- Executive Director
- Chief Operating Officer
- Healthcare Administrator
- HR Executive
- Nonprofit Executive
- School or District Administrator



100% Online

45 Credits

Complete in **2.5 Years**

3 Start Dates per year

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Fully Accredited

Most Affordable Ed.D. Tuition in NH

Practice-Focused. Impact-Driven.

Rivier's Executive Doctorate is designed for real-world application and immediate professional impact. Aligned with the *Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED)*, the program emphasizes applied research, organizational improvement, and leadership in practice, helping you turn real-world challenges into measurable results.

Executive Doctorate in Leadership and Innovation Curriculum

ED 811	Transformational Leadership in Complex Organizations	3
ED 812	Improvement Science and Systems Change	3
ED 813	Research Design for Scholar Practitioner	3
ED 814	Dissertation in Practice Seminar I	3
ED 815	Strategic Planning and Organizational Transformation	3
ED 816	AI and Innovation	3
ED 821	Data Analysis and Evidence Based Decision Making	3
ED 822	Proposal Development and Problem Statement	3
ED 823	Entrepreneurial Leadership and Community Engagement	3
ED 824	Dissertation in Practice Seminar II	3
ED 825	Leading Digital Transformation	3
ED 826	Policy, Governance, and Public Influence	3
ED 831	Learning Science and Human Development	3
ED 832	Human Systems, Culture, and Social Impact	3
ED 833	Dissertation in Practice Seminar III	3

Total: 45 credits

Turn Leadership into Lasting Impact

Your Dissertation in Practice is embedded throughout the curriculum. From day one, you'll work on a relevant organizational challenge, applying what you learn directly to your workplace with support from experienced faculty mentors.

This integrated approach helps you create measurable impact, maintain momentum, and complete both your coursework and Dissertation in Practice within the 2.5-year program. Earn an Ed.D., demonstrate your leadership impact, and be ready with a solution that drives lasting organizational value.

Earn Your Ed.D. with Confidence

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

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Admissions Process

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. View streamlined admissions requirements and application process at **rivier.edu/edd**.

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Tuition & Fees
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