



# Rivier

## UNIVERSITY

### Ed.D.

Doctor of Education in  
Leadership and Learning

## Become a powerful agent for change

Thrive and drive innovation through  
transformational leadership.

Further the conversation about leadership and learning within education and related fields while contributing new theories, models, and constructs for teaching and learning.

Our online program is designed for working professionals who hold a master's degree and have an interest in advancing their knowledge of learning based on research about human growth and development, the approaches and practices that enhance the creation of learning environments within organizations, and the ways to facilitate real change in a leadership role.

### Choose Rivier and Earn Your Degree in Three Years

The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Leadership and Learning is designed to enable students to complete their coursework online in three years, while simultaneously beginning their dissertation in the first year and conducting original research on a topic of local, regional, and national significance. The program is structured to allow students to engage in doctoral study while maintaining their current employment, to develop their career goals, to meet their personal aspirations, and to expand their professional networks.



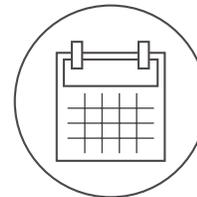
#### Course Format

Online,  
7-Week Courses



#### Total Program Credits

51



#### Estimated Program Length

3 years

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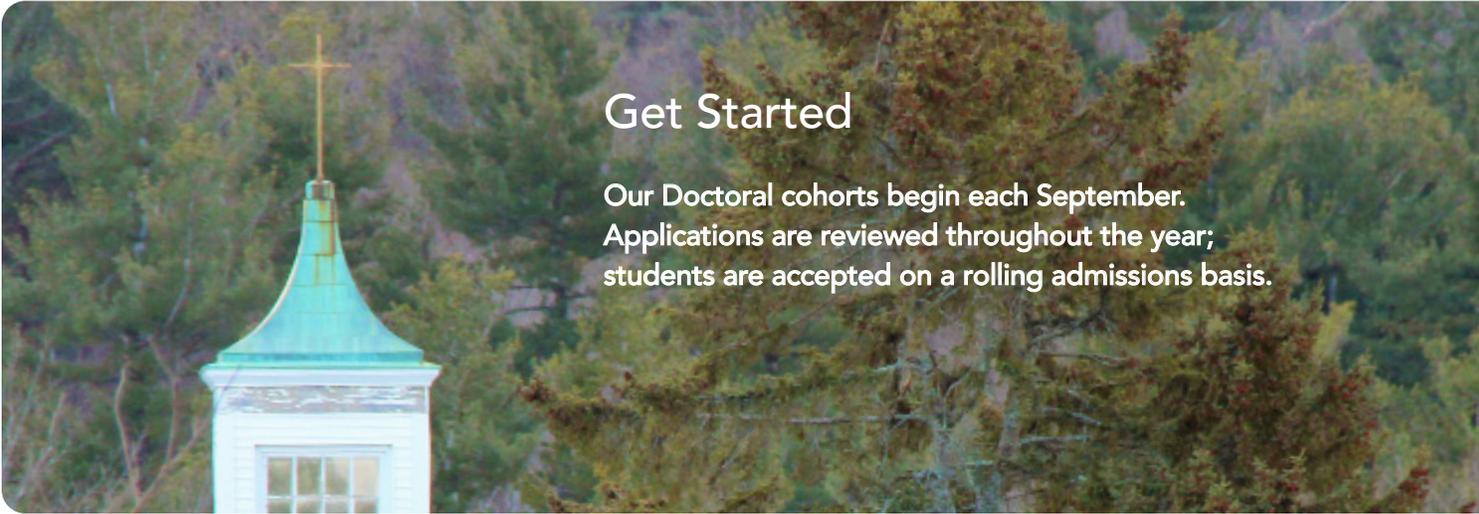
The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) at Rivier University extends research on what is known about leadership and learning to professionals in the social sciences; applied fields of social service, healthcare, and counseling; and for training and development within organizations, institutions, and systems. In our program, you will:

- Extend the ongoing conversation about leadership and learning to many disciplines and fields of study, to identify what is common in our knowledge, experiences, and practices;
- Engage with professionals from the multiple professions in the discussion of leadership and learning;
- Enable professionals to contribute new theories, models, and constructs of teaching and learning to create enlightened programs and services;
- Conduct research on human growth and development, learning, and the nature of help and support in a variety of disciplines and professions in order to formulate an informed understanding of the nature of change.

## Course Sequence

By following the course sequence below, you will be able to complete your Ed.D. in three years. In addition to the seven-week, three-credit courses below (totaling 48 credits), you will register for one on-campus experience each year (one credit each), bringing your total credits for the degree to 51. These three Friday–Saturday visits are intended to promote faculty–student communication on doctoral study. The first-year visit will include an Orientation to Doctoral Study.

	Fall	Spring	Summer
			Orientation
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>ED 851</b> Transformational Leadership <b>ED 854</b> Positive Learning Environments	<b>ED 856</b> Culturally Competent Leadership <b>ED 870</b> Writing in the Social Sciences	<b>ED 857</b> Leadership in the Information Age <b>ED 853</b> Advances in Mind Brain Learning
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>ED 882</b> Qualitative Methods <b>ED 884</b> Qualitative Analysis	<b>ED 883</b> Quantitative Methods <b>ED 885</b> Quantitative Analysis	<b>ED 888</b> Leading Change <b>ED 890</b> Dissertation Research Advisement
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>ED 895</b> Dissertation Research <b>ED 895</b> Dissertation Research	<b>ED 895</b> Dissertation Research <b>ED 895</b> Dissertation Research	



## Get Started

Our Doctoral cohorts begin each September. Applications are reviewed throughout the year; students are accepted on a rolling admissions basis.

## Our Alumni are Innovators in their Fields



### Dr. Lisa Dias, Ed.D. Class of 2016

Head of School, World Academy

Dr. Lisa Dias pursued her Ed.D. at Rivier University while working full-time. She considers her doctoral studies one of her greatest achievements.

“I chose to further my education in order to be the most effective leader I could be; the professors at Rivier taught me how to think dynamically and critically.”



### Michael McCutcheon, Ed.D. Class of 2018

Patrol Sergeant and Owner,  
Forensic Education, LLC

Dr. Michael McCutcheon already had a distinguished career as a patrol sergeant when he entered the Ed.D. program. He earned his doctorate to become a professional educator and to share his knowledge with future generations of police officers. Earning his doctorate has opened doors to a second career, incorporating the work that he loves as a professor in higher education.

“The doctoral program allowed me to grow as an instructor and a leader.”



### Our Distinguished Faculty

You will be taught and mentored by faculty who are widely recognized both regionally and nationally as experts in the field of education. Faculty from a variety of disciplines bring a rich experience in leadership, knowledge of learning, strategic decision-making in policy and intervention, research design, data collection and analysis, and presentation of findings. Our faculty have backgrounds in multiple areas of scholarship, teaching, and service.

### Accreditation

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education, Inc. (NECHE), as well as other programmatic accrediting organizations.

# How to Apply

## Admissions Requirements

Applicants must:

- have earned baccalaureate and master's degrees from an accredited college or university;
- have maintained a GPA of 3.25 or better in courses at or above the 500 level; and
- provide documentation of at least three years of relevant professional experience.

## Application Requirements

The application deadline for the upcoming academic year is August 1. A complete application submitted to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies Admissions includes the following:

1. A completed and signed online application, available at [www.rivier.edu/apply](http://www.rivier.edu/apply);
2. A \$100.00 non-refundable application fee;
3. Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions where you have received degrees and/or course credit;
4. A written statement of your purpose in seeking doctoral study that reflects in detail upon the following:
  - a. Your professional experience and how that experience relates to your intended doctoral study;
  - b. Your reasons for pursuing doctoral study;
  - c. The research goal(s), problem(s), and/or question(s) you are interested in addressing through doctoral study and research;
  - d. The ways in which doctoral study will enhance your personal and professional career goals and plans;
  - e. Specific examples of presentations, papers, publications, or other scholarship related to your goals for doctoral study; and
5. At least three (3) letters of recommendation.
6. An interview may be requested by the Admissions Committee.

## Application Process

1. Review the application requirements at [www.rivier.edu/doctoraladmissions](http://www.rivier.edu/doctoraladmissions) and request official transcripts be sent to Rivier University.
2. Ask questions by contacting us at (603) 897-8507 or emailing [admissions@rivier.edu](mailto:admissions@rivier.edu).
3. Submit your application online at [www.rivier.edu/apply](http://www.rivier.edu/apply) (Your resume/CV and statement of purpose can be uploaded with your application or sent separately after application submission.)
4. Send all supplemental documents to Rivier to complete your application portfolio.

Supplemental documents should be sent via email to [admissions@rivier.edu](mailto:admissions@rivier.edu) or mailed to:

The Office of Graduate and Professional Studies Admissions, Rivier University, 420 South Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

## Acceptance into the Program

Rivier will provide you with notifications on your application status throughout the process. Once your application portfolio is complete, you may be invited to interview with the Doctoral Program Admissions Committee. Normally, notification of acceptance is provided within 14 days of application portfolio completion.

## Ed.D. Program Start Dates

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## Quick Links

**Ask a Question** – [admissions@rivier.edu](mailto:admissions@rivier.edu)

**Speak with an Enrollment Counselor** – [rivier.edu/team](http://rivier.edu/team)

**Attend an Info Session** – [events.rivier.edu](http://events.rivier.edu)

**Tuition & Fees** – [rivier.edu/tuition](http://rivier.edu/tuition)

**Request Information** – [inquire.rivier.edu](http://inquire.rivier.edu)

**Doctor of Education Website** – [rivier.edu/edd](http://rivier.edu/edd)

**Apply Now** – [rivier.edu/apply](http://rivier.edu/apply)