



# VCU

## School of Education

# THE ED.D IN LEADERSHIP

Our Doctor of Education in Leadership degree is designed to provide students with the skills needed to manage, maintain and influence organizations, and to succeed in positions of leadership. Designed for those interested in critically examining leadership in education, our program provides learning experiences that allow students to research real-world problems of education and leadership. Emphasis is placed on problem-solving and translational research, as well as team instruction and team learning.

## OUR MISSION FOR EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

As members of a university in an urban area, we have a responsibility to serve the communities around us. This is especially true here at VCU, where so many underserved and disadvantaged are within our reach. Every day, our city, its schools and its students face unique challenges. But where there are obstacles, there are opportunities:

A CHANCE FOR CHANGE.

A CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

## The Context In Which We Work

### 40%

Overall, economically-disadvantaged students now make up 40 percent of Virginia's student population.

### 34%

Thirty-four percent of children in Virginia live in low-income families.

### 17%

Nearly seventeen percent of children in Virginia face food insecurity.

### 12%

Students receiving special education services represent twelve percent of the student population in Virginia.

### 10%

English language learners now represent ten percent of the student population in Virginia.

### 3.3%

One in every 30 children in the U.S. have experienced homelessness.

## The Coursework

### First Year

Summer

EDLP 700: Effective Learning Networks

EDLP 702: Understanding Self As Leader: Theory and Data Analysis

EDLP 703: Understanding Self as Leader: Practicle Applications

Fall

EDLP 708: Leadership Presence

EDLP 709: Equity and Leadership

Spring

EDLP 704: Frameworks for Decision Making: Legal Perspectives

EDLP 705: Frameworks for Decision Making: Ethical Perspectives

### Second Year

Summer

EDLP 715: Principles for Professional Writing

EDLP 716: Principles for Professional Writing II

Fall

EDLP 711: Evidence Informed Perspectives on Practice

EDLP 712: Planning for Sustainable Change I

Spring

EDLP 713: Evidence Informed Perspectives on Practice II

EDLP 714: Planning for Sustainable Change II

### Third Year

Summer

EDLP 717: Communicating Reserach Findings

EDLP 790 - Capstone Development

Fall

EDLP 798 - Capstone Plan Implementation

Spring

EDLP 799 - Capstone Completion