

Education

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE



Northeastern University College of Professional Studies

Through our Doctor of Education program, you'll develop a systemic and critical understanding of the world. You'll use action research to create and implement innovative solutions to help initiate change in your own professional context.

The program allows students to engage in creating change framed around questions of equity, ethics, and social justice.

Using this knowledge, our students will be empowered to take on leadership roles that enable the transformation of institutional and organizational landscapes within the fields that matter most to them.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Complete classes online with opportunities to work with peers and faculty in person at our Boston, Charlotte, and Seattle locations.

Choose one of three concentrations to focus your studies and customize your curriculum.

Begin research for your dissertation in practice at the beginning of the program and work directly with a faculty advisor.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students who complete the program will be able to:

Understand a range of scholarly approaches to education, education reform, and organizational development and leadership.

Build relationships and grow your global professional network through interactions with other students and faculty.

Apply advanced research principles to real-world problems you face in your own career.

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

Concentration Options (15 quarter hours)

- Curriculum, Teaching, Learning, and Leadership
- Higher Education Administration
- Organizational Leadership Studies

Required Courses (21 quarter hours)

Foundation Courses (3 required)

- Introduction to Action Research and Social Change
- Leadership for Social Justice
- Collaborative Leadership

Research Courses (4 required)

- Introduction to Research Design
- Intermediate Research Design
- Advanced Research Design
- Dissertation in Practice Seminar

Dissertation in Practice Courses (12 quarter hours)

- Evaluation and Monitoring Plan
- Initial Analysis of Data
- Dissemination Venues
- Findings and Discussion

Total Degree Requirements (60 quarter hours)

- On average, students can complete this degree in three to four years.



About Northeastern University College of Professional Studies

The College of Professional Studies is one of nine colleges of Northeastern University, a nationally ranked private research university in Boston, Massachusetts. Founded in 1960, the college provides lifelong experiential learning that unleashes the capacities of aspiring individuals in all stages and walks of life. The college teaches undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students on campus and online in more than 90 programs.

Northeastern University

Founded in 1898, Northeastern is a global research university and the recognized leader in experience-powered lifelong learning. Our world-renowned experiential approach empowers our students, faculty, alumni, and partners to create impact far beyond the confines of discipline, degree, and campus.

Our locations—in Boston; the Massachusetts communities of Burlington and Nahant; Charlotte, North Carolina; the San Francisco Bay Area; Seattle; London; Toronto; and Vancouver—are nodes in our growing global university system. Through this network, we expand opportunities for flexible, student-centered learning and collaborative, solutions-focused research.

Northeastern's comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate programs—in on-campus, online, and hybrid formats—lead to degrees through the doctorate in nine colleges and schools. Among these, we offer more than 140 multidisciplinary majors and degrees designed to prepare students for purposeful lives and careers.