

Ph.D. Degree in Community College Leadership

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This innovative, interdisciplinary degree program is designed to meet the leadership training needs of community college professionals. Instructional delivery includes intensive weekend and Internet courses created to examine the role of the rural community college in economic and community development and to prepare educational leaders capable of linking community colleges with rural development.

Approximately 10-20 students will be accepted annually. Admission criteria for the Ph.D. Degree in Community College Leadership include the submission of an entry portfolio. Applications are due March 1 for summer or fall admission and October 1 for spring admission.

- Completion of a Master's degree from an accredited institution
- Transcripts of college work; GPA minimum of 3.40 on master's or specialist's degree work
- Resume documenting his/her career in professional education
- Letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose
- Writing sample
- Acceptable scores for each of the sections (verbal, quantitative, analytical, and writing) of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The GRE score must be current (no more than 5 years old).
- Demonstrated potential for achieving excellence as a doctoral student in an interview conducted by Leadership and Foundations faculty

Course Requirements: A minimum of 76 credit hours above the master's degree are required for the Ph.D. in Community College Leadership.

Required Courses: Community College Leadership Core (Minimum of 24 Credit Hours)

CCL 8113 - History and Philosophy of the Community College (3 credit hours) **OR**
CCL 8373 - Community College Curriculum Improvement (3 credit hours) **OR**
CCL 8363 - Community College Activities Administration (3 credit hours)
CCL 8123 - Community College Finance and Budgeting (3 credit hours)
CCL 8233 - Community College Legal Issues (3 credit hours)
CCL 8283 - Leadership in Community College Administration (3 credit hours)
EDA 8323 - Educational Facilities Design (3 credit hours)
CCL 8333 - Community College Administration (3 credit hours)
CCL 8353 - Applications of Organizational Theory and Behavior in Community College Leadership (3 credit hours)
CCL 8383 - Ethical Decision Making in Community College Administration (3 credit hours)

Required Courses: Interdisciplinary Courses (Minimum of 18 Credit Hours)

AEC 8713 - Rural Community and Economic Development (3 credit hours)
AEC 6313 - Introduction to Regional Economics (3 credit hours)
AEC 6333 - Applied Regional Economics (3 credit hours)
PPA 9613 - Rural Government Administration I (3 credit hours)
PPA 9623 - Rural Government Administration II (3 credit hours)
PPA 8733 - Public Program Evaluation (3 credit hours)

Required Courses: Applied Research (Minimum of 14 Credit Hours)

EDF 9373 - Educational Research Design (Prerequisite EDF 8363 or equivalent) (3 credit hours)
EDF 9453 - Introduction to Qualitative Research in Education (3 credit hours)
EPY 6214 - Educational and Psychological Statistics (4 credit hours)
EPY 8214 - Advanced Educational and Psychological Statistics (Prerequisite: EPY 6214) (4 credit hours)

In addition to successfully completing at least four applied research courses, students are expected to demonstrate competency in research skills in one of two ways: (a) submit a research paper to a peer reviewed journal, or (b) present a research paper at an annual meeting of a regional or national association conference/meeting.

Required Dissertation Research (Minimum of 20 Credit Hours)

CCL 9000 - Dissertation Research (20 Credit Hours)*

*Dissertation hours must not be taken until successful completion of the Doctoral Written and Oral Preliminary exam.

Optional Additional Course: Internship (3-6 Credit Hours)

CCL 8210 - Internship in Supervision and Administration* (3-6 credit hours)

Students who have never taught or worked in a community college will be required to take between three and six hours of internship. The internship will be under the direct supervision of university and community college personnel and will provide the students with opportunities, practical teaching, and/or administrative experience. This course may be repeated for additional credit hours.

Notes

Course work from a completed degree program may not be applied toward meeting the requirements for another degree program at the Mississippi State University. Hours included in the student's program of study or transferred toward the degree from another accredited institution must be current (no more than 8 years old) for the doctoral degree. Transfer credit may not constitute more than 9 credit hours.

Each student is responsible for knowing university, college, and department or school requirements as stated in the current Graduate School Bulletin and in college and department or school printed materials.