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"At Peabody, I have not only received an education, but a very rich experience, working alongside practitioners and scholars who are committed to improving the quality of life for children and young people."

—Kristin McGraner, Ed.D. '08

Admission

Peabody College accepts applications for admission throughout the year, however, because our program follows a cohort model, all Ed.D. students begin their studies during the summer semester. Applications submitted by December 1 receive priority consideration for financial aid. Online applications, to which no fees apply, are encouraged. Visit peabody.vanderbilt.edu/gradadmissions to apply.

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Doctoral Degrees for Education Leaders (Ed.D.)



Become the Best Kind of Leader



Capable professionals develop into exceptional leaders with a doctoral degree from Vanderbilt's Peabody College of education and human development. Here you will join your fellows in the field who come to us from all over the world to study a comprehensive and cohesive curriculum under the guidance of our distinguished faculty. Within the highly collaborative setting for which Peabody is renowned, you will gain valuable knowledge that will help you improve your school's academic performance, understand complex contexts of learning, and establish effective governance structures and systems of accountability. You will discover new opportunities for success as you pursue an academically challenging, intellectually rigorous program designed to be integrated into busy lives.

Two Dynamic Programs

Students entering Peabody's doctoral program for education leaders pursue one of two degrees:

Educational Leadership and Policy (Ed.D.)

This degree serves as an invaluable credential for those who aim to lead educational organizations or hold related professional positions such as association executives, government officials and private sector consultants.

Higher Education Leadership and Policy (Ed.D.)

This innovative program, geared to working professionals in the higher education arena, provides theoretical and research-based perspectives to enhance an understanding of how colleges, universities, government agencies, professional associations and consulting companies function.

The focus of these programs, both of which are offered through Peabody's Department of Leadership, Policy and Organizations, is on human learning, the nature of educational institutions, and the means by which research can be effectively conducted and applied. Both programs offer a weekend-based curriculum that can be successfully completed within 36 months.



"Peabody has reengineered its Ed.D. program around the real-world problems administrators face."

—Joseph F. Murphy,
professor of education



"Peabody is such a vibrant learning environment. The care taken during the admissions process assures a diverse group of professionals that brings a multitude of experiences into the classroom."

—Susanna Baxter, Ed.D. '07;
chief operating officer for the
Tennessee Independent Colleges
and Universities Association

The Capstone Experience

These doctoral degree programs culminate in a capstone experience during the third year of course work. The capstone is a year-long independent research and analytic undertaking that is embedded within a group project. Peabody believes the capstone, rather than a dissertation, brings to bear the analytic abilities, professional understanding, contextual knowledge and teamwork skills that are accrued throughout the entire three-year program. Students then apply these capacities to a focused consulting project undertaken for a real world client.

Take the Next Step

For more information on Peabody's graduate programs, visit <http://peabody.vanderbilt.edu/edd.xml>

We also invite you to call the Office of Graduate Admissions at **1-866-PC ADMIT** (toll-free) to speak with one of our counselors.