



# PHD IN LEADERSHIP STUDIES

Advance your leadership to the highest level with a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Leadership Studies from Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU). The program develops sophisticated leaders who:

- Transform their professional community through enhanced leadership skills
- Build networks across a wide range of fields including education, public service, business and health care administration
- Promote better decision making and create engaged teams
- Apply advanced theory and research to empower their teams

## AREAS OF STUDY

Designed around four broad areas, the leadership sequence progresses from theories of leading individuals and small groups through leadership including diverse global organizations. Students improve practitioner skills in the areas of communication, strategic management and legal/ethical issues. Policy development courses introduce students to seminal arguments for and against a variety of societal issues. The leadership research sequence provides students the needed skills to conceive, design and conduct their doctoral dissertation. The leadership electives are taken in the last year of study concomitant to work on the dissertation. Third and fourth year advanced courses focus on supporting students in conceiving, writing and developing their dissertations.



## PROGRAM DESIGN

The interdisciplinary doctorate is designed as a 75-credit hour sequence of courses beginning with intensive coursework and culminating with the dissertation. Students complete 66 credit hours of required course work, and nine credit hours spent researching and writing an original dissertation.

## COHORT MODEL

The PhD in Leadership Studies program is a cohort model which includes approximately 12-15 participants taking courses together. The cohort model provides individuals with opportunities to work collaboratively to meet the demands of the program and provides students a ready network of colleagues from a variety of fields.





## ACCREDITATION

This Leadership Studies program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). ACBSP is a leading specialized accreditation association for business education, supporting, celebrating and rewarding excellence on a diverse global scale.

OLLU is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. Questions about the accreditation of Our Lady of the Lake University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website ([www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)).



*The Leadership Studies program at OLLU has enhanced my personal and professional growth immensely. Stagnant in a position for 15 years with no merit increase or opportunity for advancement, I sought to develop my leadership skills and improve my future by enrolling in the doctorate program at OLLU. While in the program, I was able to acquire the valuable skills, techniques, and theories applicable to today's workforce environment in healthcare. The personal, small cohort structure coupled with the experienced and motivational faculty helped me successfully complete the program and earn my PhD. Now I am in a leadership role for the largest healthcare system in the community and proud to say that I apply learned leadership skills daily. Undoubtedly, the OLLU Leadership Studies doctoral program can be a pivotal catalyst for future students wanting increased job satisfaction, personal growth, and skills development.*



**-Benito Moya, PhD**

**Operations Administrator, South Texas Health Systems Clinics**



**Have questions?  
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## FACULTY

In addition to in-depth academic expertise, the Leadership Studies Department faculty have extensive professional experience from the following fields:

- Business
- Education
- Health Care
- Public Service
- Military Service
- Nonprofit Organizations

Faculty bring their academic and professional experience to the classroom to develop leadership skills in students that carry across all disciplines.



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