



## Doctor of Professional Studies in Organizational Leadership

Advanced study in Organizational Leadership at Shenandoah University offers learners the opportunity to think deeply, examine thoughtfully, and understand theoretically challenges and problems facing educational and other public organizations. The Doctor of Professional Studies (DProf) degree is appropriate to professionals with substantive experience in their respective professional field, experience which will inform and leverage learning designed to position learners for significant leadership roles in their professions.

The DProf is *student-centered, inquiry-driven, and problem-oriented*. It is built around an interdisciplinary leadership and research core, with distinct program emphases a servant-leadership model appealing to professionals in institutions of public trust such as nonprofit service-oriented or community-based, public and private sector organizations and higher education professionals. The flexibility in design of a learner’s concentration courses allows for optimal learning in one’s specific area of interest.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application for Admission along with a \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Master’s Degree (3.5 GPA)
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended
- Three (3) letters of recommendation (Consult Admissions for specific requirements)
- Essay summarizing intentions and proposed focus of study within the program (no more than 3 pages)
- Interview

### TRANSFER CREDITS

- Only grades of “A” or “B” are transferable
- Up to 15 credits are permitted into SU doctoral programs with approval by the Director of the School of Education & Human Development and/or advisor.

### WHERE TO BEGIN

- Admissions: Contact Abby Griffeth at agriffet@su.edu or Mary Kay Hester at mhester@su.edu
- Program Head: Contact John R. Goss,III, PhD at jgoss@su.edu
- Apply online now by visiting: <https://www.applyweb.com/apply/su/>

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### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirement is 66 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

#### Courses Credits

##### Program Core

LST710 Leadership	3
LST720 Societal Factors	3
LST735 Org Theory and Behavior	3
LST740 Governance & Public Policy	3
LST750 Contemporary Issues	3

##### Research Core

RST684 Intro to Research Literacy	3
RST775 Advanced Statistics	3
RST776 Adv Multivariate Statistical Analysis	3
RST783 Adv Social Science Methods for Doctor Research	3

##### Applied Research

RST771 Quantitative Methods Proposal	1.5
RST772 Quantitative Methods Pilot	1.5
RST773 Qualitative Methods Proposal	1.5
RST774 Qualitative Methods Pilot	1.5

##### Concentration

LST693 Directed Study in Org Leadership	3
LST694 Directed Study in Org Leadership II	3
Approved grad level coursework (500-700)	12

<b>Dissertation</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>