



“Learning and Leadership are indispensable to each another.”

- John F. Kennedy



Learning

Leadership

Research

Measurement

Organizational Effectiveness

Technology and Innovation

Communication



DOCTORATE in LEARNING and LEADERSHIP

Learn. Collaborate. Lead.

FALL 2015

The multidisciplinary Learning and Leadership Doctoral Program equips participants with an understanding of the relationship that learning plays in the leadership process. The program philosophy supports the development of reflective practitioners in a variety of organizations and focuses on the interwoven nature of learning and leadership.

Program News

The Learning and Leadership Doctoral Program is now part of the School of Professional Studies (SPS) within the College of Health, Education, and Professional Studies. The School of Professional Studies comprises the following programs:

- Learning and Leadership
- Counselor Education
- Integrated Studies
- Interior Design
- School Psychology
- Social Work

As a result of this restructuring, Dr. David Rausch will serve as Director of the School of Professional Studies and Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, as well as continuing to serve as Professor for Learning and Leadership.

Dr. Elizabeth Crawford, Associate Professor, will serve as Program Director/Advisor of the Learning and Leadership Program. Ms. Becca McCashin will continue serving in her role as Program Coordinator. Our new SPS affiliation is aligned with the multidisciplinary work-embedded, professional focus of the Learning and Leadership program. The faculty and staff of the Learning and Leadership program look forward to continuing to support our participants and candidates on their doctoral journeys and keeping our graduates up-to-date on program and participant news.

Admission 2016

Applications to the Fall 2016 cohort (C12) will be accepted mid-November 2015 through February 2016. Please refer prospective applicants to our program website for details(www.utc.edu/dll).



Participant News

- **Angela Ballard** was named one of Chattanooga's 40 top professionals under the age of 40 by the *Chattanooga Times Free Press's* Chatter Magazine and was also elected president of Junior League of Chattanooga.
- **Mike Breakey** has enjoyed teaching U.S. History and College Success at Georgia Northwestern Technical College for the past 1.5 years. He especially enjoys College Success because these courses are designed to help “at-risk” students and they dovetail with his dissertation research on students’ self-regulatory skills.
- **Erin Noseworthy** has completed her first year as Director of eLearning at City University of Seattle and she continues to learn something new every day. She and John bought a house in the Fauntleroy neighborhood of West Seattle and are enjoying exploring the sound on their kayaks.
- **Pete O’Brien** completed a successful reaccreditation of the Medical Laboratory Technician Program and is working with architects to design MLT and Phlebotomy classrooms and labs in the new Allied Health Building at Jackson State Community College.
- **Gerry Stark**, an engineer who designs prosthetic devices, and his daughter, Sophie “Scary Girl” Stark (@sophiegstark), a high school senior, were featured in a *Chattanooga Times Free Press* article in August 2015. Sophie is a skilled self-taught face and body artist who has developed a following on Instagram for her remarkable transformations.
- **Stacy Swafford**, Assistant Professor at Tennessee Wesleyan College, has been applying doctoral program concepts to her professional practice. She was named the Cleveland ME Evening Director in August 2014 and was honored to be chosen as the Lockmiller Teacher of the Year in Spring 2015.
- **Ross Ian Vance**, Manager of Sales Training & Development at McKee Foods and Adjunct Professor at Lee University, spent the past year speaking and teaching across the country on interpersonal communication, negotiation, customer service, decision making, and biases of thought—topics kindled by the Cognitive Aspects of Decision Making elective course.
- **Harry Walter** is currently teaching Science at Silverdale Baptist Academy.
- **Andrew Ward** lives with his family in Togo, West Africa, where they work with a team of missionaries and Togolese partners to provide educational and leadership training throughout the country.
- **Becky Willis** has received promotion to Extension Agent III through UT Extension.



Alumni News

The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly.
- Jim Rohn



- **Dr. Colleen Harris-Keith's** dissertation findings were published in the *Journal of Academic Librarianship* in April 2015 and her paper has been selected as the winner of the Jesse H. Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research. The award will be presented at the American Library Association's Mid-winter Conference. Dr. Harris-Keith currently serves as Information Literacy Coordinator at CSU Channel Islands.
- **Dr. Steven Hood** was named Associate VP for Student Affairs at University of Alabama in June 2015 and currently oversees Housing & Residential Communities, Assessment & Planning, Divisional Finance, and Human Resources.
- **Dr. Lisa Legg**, Professor and Radiation Therapy Program Director at Chattanooga State Community College, reports that the doctoral degree has afforded her the opportunity to speak at professional meetings on the state and national level, to write for professional publications, and to serve on professional advisory boards.
- **Dr. Brandy Schneider (Leffler)** teaches in the Athletic Training and Exercise Science departments and is helping to design a Master's in Athletic Training program at Truman State University. Since graduating, she has married and welcomed a daughter, Nikki Lee.
- **Dr. Mick Shuran**, Principal at West Middle School, has collaborated with two colleagues to start a podcast called Leadership Technology Learning (LTL) which is available on iTunes.
- **Dr. Christopher Silver**, Equity Affairs Specialist at UTC, is preparing for his PhD comprehensive exams at UTK and has recently published book chapters on the topics of spirituality and the psychology of religion. Additionally, Dr. Silver and UTC & UTK psychology faculty received a \$250,000 Templeton grant in 2014 to study how people see Jesus in their mind.
- **Dr. Chris Willis**, Assoc. Professor at Chattanooga State Community College, was presented with the First Tennessee Chair of Excellence in Business and Information Technologies in September 2014.