Doctor of Leadership Studies: Admission Procedures

The Doctoral Admission and Retention Committee will review the credentials of each candidate, focusing on the following requirements:

Applicants for the Doctor of Education degree must:

A. Possess a master's degree from an accredited institution;
B. Have a cumulative post-baccalaureate grade point average of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.

The Admission portfolio for each candidate consists of seven items:

- Documentation/description of a record of successful administrative experience in education and/or documented evidence of educational leadership activities;
  Examples of leadership competencies include:
  o peer leadership roles/positions
  o leadership in writing curriculum
  o leadership - supervising instruction
  o specific administrative assignments/positions/committees/chair role
  o leadership in professional organizations
  o grant writing
  o program administration and/or administration of extracurricular programs
- Four letters of reference, two from people familiar with the applicant's academic ability and two which describe professional performance citing specific examples of leadership ability;
- An approximately two-page personal statement describing career goals and reasons for wishing to undertake a doctoral program of study;
- A complete resume which includes work experience, educational background, professional experience, professional activities, honors, professional publications or presentations, and other relevant information relating to the applicant's leadership background;
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate study.
- A sample of writing ability approximately five pages in length.

Send all materials to: Dr. Judy A. Alston, Chair of Leadership Studies
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Finalists will be invited for an interview with members of the Admission and Retention Committee.

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