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The Doctor of Education in Organizational Change and Leadership (OCL) program, delivered online, will prepare you to lead systemic change in organizations, including but not limited to educational settings. The collaborative, blended learning program is ideal for working professionals holding or seeking leadership positions at colleges and universities, K–12 schools and systems, private companies, nonprofits and government organizations. If you do not have a master’s degree, you may enroll in additional coursework to complete the Master of Education in Learning Design and Technology and Doctor of Education in Organizational Change and Leadership programs simultaneously.
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The OCL program uses a state-of-the-art learning platform that blends live, face-to-face online classes, dynamic self-paced coursework, field-based experiences and personal interactions with a worldwide community of educators and leaders during two on-campus immersions.

THROUGH THE OCL, YOU WILL ENHANCE YOUR CAPACITY TO:
■ Motivate and supervise
■ Assess organizational priorities
■ Drive innovation through new technologies

CAPSTONE PROJECT
As a culmination of the program, you will build a portfolio demonstrating the mastery of the techniques learned. This portfolio will include a dissertation, a reflective self-assessment and projects related to core leadership proficiencies.

SAMPLE COURSES
■ Problem solving
■ Leadership
■ Dispositions
■ Reflections

TUITION
Tuition for 2017–18 is $1,800 per unit. Immersion fees are an additional $550 each for the two sessions required.

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT
You will automatically be considered for scholarships ranging from $2,000 to $6,000. There is no need submit a separate application. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, leadership experience, dedication to the field of education and financial need.

PROGRAM START DATES
The OCL program begins three times each year:
■ January 2018
■ May 2018
■ September 2018

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Students are admitted on a rolling basis.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST
■ Online application
■ Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) scores or writing assessment
■ Résumé/CV demonstrating leadership experience
■ Three essays
■ Three letters of recommendation
■ Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended
■ TOEFL or IELTS scores (international applicants only)
■ $90 nonrefundable application fee
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