The Ph.D. in education prepares individuals for leadership in a variety of educational arenas, including school administration, curriculum and instruction, research and evaluation, special education and disabilities, as well as private and public organizations and agencies. Students are provided opportunities to build on one’s life experiences and interests through the advanced study of important ideas and practices, through the conduct and application of research, and through interactions with Ph.D. students and professors from departments across the university.

The urban services leadership concentration in the Ph.D. in education program has two focal areas with different emphases to develop leaders as scholars and practitioners in adult learning or health promotion and education.

For the adult learning emphasis, applicants are expected to have experience working with adult learners in organizational, community, government, higher education, health care or nonprofit settings or within the community or other roles in which they are actively involved in the teaching and training of adult learners.

The health promotion and education focus is designed to prepare future researchers, faculty and practitioners for leadership roles in academic, government (local, state, national and international), voluntary health agencies and community-based and other health-related organizations.

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Application Requirements:

- VCU Graduate School requirements
- Master’s degree in appropriate discipline
- Transcripts from previous academic work
- Satisfactory GRE scores
- Statement of intent
- Three letters of recommendation
- Resume or CV with academic and work history
- A personal interview and writing sample may be requested

Application deadline: January 15