

# **Doctor of Health Administration**

TRIDENT'S DOCTORATE

Advanced Instruction • Research Skills • Strong Academic Competencies



# Welcome to Trident's Doctorate Program

The Doctor of Health Administration program is a professional doctoral program designed to help health care leaders prepare to critically evaluate research and the political, social, and legal climates in which health care functions. In turn, they can use this information to help lead ethically, socially, and culturally responsible organizations that are responsive to market and regulatory demands while serving diverse stakeholders.

Our program is designed to provide you with the academic knowledge and expertise to find your path in the field of health sciences.

Dr. Mickey Shachar

Dean of College of Health and Human Services



# **Why Trident?**

- 1. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org)
- 2. 100% online 36 to 44 credit program with no in-person class requirements
- \* Up to 16-semester credits of graduate-level coursework may be accepted from regionally accredited institutions.
- \*\* Transfer credit is evaluated on an individual basis. Not all credits are eligible to transfer. Please see the University Catalog for transfer credit policies.
- 3. Affordable and Flexible
- Faculty with doctoral degrees and extensive research, professional practice and teaching experience
- 5. Access to most required academic resources at no extra cost through Trident's virtual library.
- 6. Embracing real-world learning with the EdActive™ Learning Approach

# **The Trident Difference**

# **EdActive™ Learning Approach**

- Creative learning
- Problem solving
- Experimental learning
- Designed to enhance the ability to think, learn, and solve problems.

# **How EdActive™ learning works**

- 1. Students are presented with a question or issue.
- 2. They do the research.
- 3. They apply their own experience.
- 4. They present their solution.
- 5. Students receive feedback and suggestions.
- 6. They apply the learning to their next task.

## **Flexibility**

- Manage your own time to deliver on deadlines
- No daily micro-management
- Faculty is responsive to student needs
- Milestones keep you on track

# **Affordability**

- Accelerated programs
- Low tuition, no extra cost for most course materials
- Scholarships and grants available for those who qualify



With flexible, 100% online classes you can attend at any time, the power to earn a degree is in your hands.



Trident is part of the AIU System, which is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.



The 12-week sessions are available to doctoral students with four doctoral start dates.

# **Program Overview**

The College of Health and Human Services offers the Doctor of Health Administration (DHA) degree program designed to develop health administrators who are prepared to meet the needs of a growing field, with competencies of the National Center for Healthcare Leadership (Action Domains, and Enabling Domains), and the Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Education (Communications & interpersonal effectiveness; Critical thinking, Analysis, & problem solving; Management & leadership; Professionalism & Social Responsibility) in mind.

The US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that the employment of medical or health services managers is projected to grow 18% from 2018 to 2028.\* The medical/health services management field is ever-changing, impacted by regulatory and legal policy, as well as political and social trends, and advances in technology and research.

\*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Medical and Health Services Managers, on the Internet at https://www.bls.gov/ooh/management/medical-and-health-services-managers.htm (visited April 28, 2020). Conditions in your area may vary.

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Students work to become well-versed in core competencies of health administration and health care research methods. The culminating experience is a practice-based Doctoral Study Project that the graduate can implement in the workplace.

### **Program Learning Outcomes**

- **1.** Assess how organizations should operate and respond to social, economic, and political forces that shape the healthcare system and the environment in which it functions.
- **2.** Demonstrate verbal and written skills necessary for healthcare executives to communicate effectively with internal and external stakeholders.
- **3.** Utilize quantitative and qualitative data to make sound organizational decisions that positively impact patients, staff, and other stakeholders.
- **4.** Provide evidence of an ability to contribute to the scholarly-practitioner information base in the field of health administration.
- **5.** Critically assess emerging trends, operationalize their potential impacts on health-related administrative practice, and respond appropriately.
- **6.** Collaborate with diverse stakeholders to make decisions conducive to healthy organizational development.
- **7.** Resolve administrative challenges in compliance with health law, policies, and ethical guidelines for health administration.



# Program Core Courses DHA 600 - Intro Doc Studies and Research Methods DHA 612 - Applied Research Methods DHA 620 - Applied Statistics for Research DHA 650 - Healthcare Finance DHA 621 - Health Care Law, Regulation, Ethics DHA 698 - Strategic Planning Healthcare Organizations DHA 699 I - Doctoral Study Prospectus DHA 699 II - Doctoral Study Proposal DHA 700 - Doctoral Study Supervision I DHA 701 - Doctoral Study Supervision II DHA 702 - Doctoral Study Supervision III Note: Courses are listed in academic sequence Transfer credit will be reviewed by the Registrar's Office and the Program Director and is subject to transfer credit rules and restrictions as outlined in the University's Policy Handbook.

### **Doctoral Study**

The DHA program builds on the established fundamentals of health sciences practice and research. To further develop skills and competency at evidence-informed problem solving and decision making, instruction in applied research methods culminates in a doctoral study project. The project's studies must be undertaken as a joint project with an organization of the student's choosing and must demonstrate sound research practice, independent thinking, and innovative solutions.

DHA 700 - Doctoral Study Supervision I
DHA 701 - Doctoral Study Supervision II
DHA 702 - Doctoral Study Supervision III



# **DHA Program Milestones**

There are four milestones for students to achieve to earn their DHA doctorate.

- Complete doctoral coursework
- Pass Qualifying Exam with a fully developed research prospectus (DHA 699 I)
- Pass Proposal Defense with a fully developed dissertation proposal (DHA 699 II)
- Pass Doctoral Study Project Defense with a 5-chapter study paper (DHA702)





# **Doctoral Resource Links**

The DHA program strives to provide students with the personal guidance, instruction and informational resources needed for their success.

### **ePortfolio**

Provides students with a single place to record and save everything related to the development of their dissertation.

### **800 Dissertation Tasks Course**

Provides a single place to submit, track, and gain approval for completed tasks.

### **Webinars**

Trident's innovative webinar series is designed to provide continuing education, skill-building techniques, and professional development.

Culture of Research and Education (C.O.R.E.) | Career Center

## **Student Gateway**

The Student Gateway provides links to prospective doctoral students' most-used resources.

MyTLC Portal | Catalog | DHA Handbook

### **Doctoral Articles**

- <u>Trident Health Sciences Professor Receives</u>
  <u>Teaching Excellence Award</u>
- Trident Ph.D. in Education Alumnus Publishes
   Academic Papers
- <u>Trident Doctor of Business Administration</u>

  <u>Professor Selected as SME for Conference in Dubai</u>
- Considering the 4 C's: The Top 4 Reasons to Choose an Online Doctoral Program
- Advanced Degrees and Adult Life: How to Pursue a Doctoral Degree with a Career, with Kids, or During Deployment
- <u>Ten Reasons Now is the Perfect Time to Earn Your</u> <u>Ed.D. or Ph.D. in Education Online</u>





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