

# Professional Studies, DPS (Primarily Online)

The Doctor of Professional Studies offers learners from diverse disciplines an opportunity to obtain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to utilize research skill sets, interdisciplinary theoretical frameworks, and a professional knowledge base to create, implement, and communicate solutions to complex problems of practice in their local, professional context.

The DPS degree program is structured to accommodate a wide range of learners from the practitioner community, including working professionals from the public and private sectors (national, state, local) and from broad and professionally diverse backgrounds. Learners explore areas such as project management and leadership, positioning them for success in higher education or in other industries where doctoral degrees are valued.

The DPS program is structured so coursework and the doctoral thesis can be completed in two to three years. Classes are delivered online with biannual Boston residencies.

## Program Requirements

### Required Core Courses

| Code     | Title                                                             | Hours |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| PST 7700 | Introduction to Doctoral Studies                                  | 3     |
| PST 7710 | Thought Leadership, Innovation, Leading Change, and Policy        | 3     |
| PST 7720 | Introduction to Research and Research Design                      | 3     |
| PST 7730 | Data Analysis for Professionals: Visualization and Interpretation | 3     |
| PST 7740 | Advanced Applied Research Methods                                 | 3     |

### Restricted Electives

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Complete 6 semester hours from the following: |                                                       | 6 |
| EDU 7575                                      | Data-Driven Decision Making for Workplace Learning    |   |
| EDU 7725                                      | Writing a Publishable Article                         |   |
| LWP 6401                                      | The Policymaking Process                              |   |
| LWP 6450                                      | Public Policy Inquiry and Investigation               |   |
| PST 7750                                      | Product Development, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship |   |
| PST 7755                                      | Advanced Quantitative Methods                         |   |
| PST 7983                                      | Topics                                                |   |

### Dissertation Courses

| Code                                       | Title                                                                         | Hours |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Complete the following course three times: |                                                                               | 12    |
| PST 7760                                   | Dissertation Development, Research and Analysis, Presentation, and Discussion |       |

### Concentrations

Complete one of the following concentrations:

- Artificial Intelligence (p. 1)
- Organizational Leadership (p. 2)
- Project Management (p. 2)
- Regulatory Affairs (p. 2)

### Program Credit/GPA Requirements

45 total semester hours required

Minimum 3.000 GPA required

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CONCENTRATION

| Code     | Title                                                       | Hours |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| AAI 7100 | Strategic Prompt Engineering and Generative AI Optimization | 3     |
| AAI 7110 | AI Governance and Ethical Decision Making                   | 3     |
| AAI 7120 | Human-AI Collaboration and Workforce Development            | 3     |
| AAI 7130 | AI Strategic Implementation and Performance Management      | 3     |

**ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION**

| <b>Code</b> | <b>Title</b>                                                     | <b>Hours</b> |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| LDR 7100    | Advanced Leadership Theory, Coaching, and Development Techniques | 3            |
| LDR 7110    | Advanced Organizational Behavior                                 | 3            |
| LDR 7120    | Global Leadership and Cultural Awareness                         | 3            |
| LDR 7130    | Emerging Technologies in Organizational Leadership               | 3            |

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONCENTRATION**

| <b>Code</b> | <b>Title</b>                                             | <b>Hours</b> |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| LDR 7120    | Global Leadership and Cultural Awareness                 | 3            |
| PJM 7100    | Advanced Project Management Techniques and Methodologies | 3            |
| PJM 7110    | Strategic Program and Project Portfolio Management       | 3            |
| PJM 7130    | Emerging Technologies in Project Management              | 3            |

**REGULATORY AFFAIRS CONCENTRATION**

| <b>Code</b> | <b>Title</b>                                                | <b>Hours</b> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| RGA 7100    | Regulatory Frameworks for Biomedical Product Development    | 3            |
| RGA 7110    | Biomedical Product Post-Market Regulatory Strategy          | 3            |
| RGA 7120    | Multi-Stakeholder Perspectives in Biomedical Product Access | 3            |
| RGA 7130    | Research Methodologies in Regulatory Affairs                | 3            |