

Social Justice Tenets

Selected social justice teachings of the Catholic Church are used to inform the School of Education programs. As educators, the tenets of social justice should play a pivotal role in decision-making strategies in Catholic, private, and public schools of all levels.

- Subsidiarity: Educational institutions should be organized and governed as much as possible by the community being served; education should only be controlled at higher levels of society when it cannot be done effectively locally.
- Dignity and rights of children: Children possess full human dignity and are bearers of rights which should be recognized and upheld in the educational process.
- People have a right to an education: All people have a responsibility, for the good of society, to contribute to and foster education.

Program Director

DR. RAY GARCIA

Throughout his experience in education, Ray Garcia, Ed.D., has worked in a variety of administrative capacities including: Professor and Chair of the Dept. of Educational Leadership in California State University East Bay, Dean of a Corporate University and Chief Academic Officer in an urban school district. He began his educational career as a teacher and subsequently assumed the role of principal. The focus of Dr. Garcia's career is working with teachers, principals and district leaders on the school improvement process.

His work with school leaders concentrates on approaches to sustaining school improvement efforts for English language learners, leadership training on optimizing staff commitment and diversity training on leveraging cultural traits to enhance school performance.

Dr. Garcia's research interests target the building of leadership capacity to transform entrenched organizational patterns into new ways of being and doing in educational settings.

Questions? Contact Us!

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"This program creates a space where analytical discourse and ethical conviction address questions of humanity. The intellectual rigor that characterizes our curriculum yields sophisticated thinkers who value educational equity, cultural competency and community engagement."

Ray Garcia, Ed.D., program director

Admissions questions:

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Doctor of Education in Ethical Leadership





UST by the NUMBERS

Enrollment
3,411
 undergraduate **1,805**
1,606 graduate
 students
 from **36** states
 and **50** countries
 average **class**
size 16
9:1 student-faculty
 ratio
Faculty
93% full-time faculty
 hold the highest
 degree in their field

Superintendent Certification

The coursework required for the Ed.D. in Ethical Leadership program prepares students to take the Texas Educator Superintendent test. This certification allows students to assume senior administrative positions in educational settings and related organizations or agencies. Once students complete the required coursework, they will be able to sit for the exam.

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Ed.D. in Ethical Leadership

At the University of St. Thomas, we believe in the inherent calling of leaders to be creative and competent catalysts for transformative change.

The Doctor of Education in Ethical Leadership program is an innovative, student-centric program. It provides a scholarly template to analyze administrative practices and promote socially responsible leadership in schools and organizations with an educational purpose.

The three-year, part-time program is designed for public and private educators as well as other education-related fields. The UST program distinguishes itself through the use of academic benchmarks that monitor student progress throughout

the duration of the program. Students engage in relevant and meaningful research directed toward the creation of effective educational communities.

Our coursework sequence creates a cross-disciplinary platform leading to a research focus. Students have the opportunity to explore an array of educational interests, including:

- Multicultural Education
- Linguistically Diverse Populations
- Technology
- Organization and Leadership
- Learning and Instruction

CHOOSE UST

Earn a graduate degree and advance your career on your timetable. UST is minutes away from downtown Houston, the Texas Medical Center and Greenway Plaza, giving students an easy commute from work or home.

Our graduates become executive level leaders in a variety of learning-oriented organizations such as educational systems, corporations, consulting firms, policymaking or research groups.

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Small classes allow personal attention from professors who can dedicate more time to your professional development. Professors know you by name, and dedicated staff offer the support and services you need to guide you to your degree. We want you to learn and succeed.



Degree Requirements

The Ed.D. program is 54 credit hours. In addition to successfully completing required coursework, students must also take part in a residency program and present a dissertation that addresses a current challenge in education.

Admission Requirements

Admission decisions are based on your graduate school GPA, professional recommendations, written essays and an interview with the admissions committee. For a complete list of admission requirements and deadlines, visit stthom.edu/edd.