The preparation I have received through UTSA’s ELPS program has been invaluable to how I approach the real world issues I encounter every day. I actively challenge myself to be mindful of intersectionality, positionality, and privilege and reflect on how that will influence my professional practice.

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PURPOSE OF PROGRAM
The Ph.D. in Educational Leadership program provides advanced academic preparation in educational leadership, research, and policy studies with an emphasis in K-12 leadership or higher education. Doctoral students obtain advanced academic training in theories of education and learning; emerging paradigms of organizational and community leadership; and high-level, critical research methods and skills for developing, analyzing, and evaluating educational programs and practices. The program prepares students to become transformational social justice leaders and scholars trained to investigate and challenge societal problems that continue to impact educational institutions, diverse communities, and experiences of students in P-20 contexts. The program emphasizes equity, excellence, social justice, democracy, policy and politics, and responsiveness to diverse community needs.

Areas of faculty expertise include:
- P-20 school-university collaborations
- Successful principals
- College student access and success
- Critical Race Studies
- Education law and ethics
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- Community contexts and schooling

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- Three letters of recommendation from those who have supervised the applicant in an academic, employment, or community service capacity
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