



# LOW-RESIDENCY DOCTORATE in COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**POINT PARK UNIVERSITY**

## PH.D. PROGRAM FORMAT

- Two years of coursework plus dissertation; 54 credits
- Courses online
- Four-day residency at Point Park's downtown Pittsburgh campus every summer
- Fixed tuition rate for three years

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Visit [PointPark.edu/GradReq](http://PointPark.edu/GradReq) for details.

*(no fee for online application)*

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## OUR MISSION ...

Is to engage current and future leaders in business, government and nonprofit sectors to work together with communities, and to become agents of change who inspire others and foster prosperity in diverse community settings.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY

Individuals in leadership positions in urban and rural areas; in particular nonprofit leaders, social change activists and people involved in community development work.

## WHAT THE PROGRAM OFFERS

- Gain a broad understanding of public policy, program development, community psychology and best practices in leadership and engagement.
- Be prepared to conduct outreach and build partnerships with civic, business and community organizations.
- In this unique social lab, engage with communities as part of the coursework.
- Use a human-centered-design approach to understand and solve community issues.
- Be part of a small student cohort from diverse geographic regions.

## WORKING WITH EXPERIENCED FACULTY

Learn from faculty with a range of scholarly expertise and leadership abilities in this interdisciplinary program. Faculty research interests and expertise include leadership, public administration, community development, communication, social change, marketing, economics, fundraising, program development, sustainability, social work, sociology and psychology.

Find out more and apply:

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## RESEARCH IN ACTION

### Partners

- Allegheny County/City of Pittsburgh
- Eden Hall Foundation
- Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
- LUMA Institute
- POISE Foundation
- United Way

### Projects

- Allegheny County/City of Pittsburgh 2020 Census
- Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification
- Collegiate Housing Insecurity Research Study
- Courageous Conversations Speaker and Service Series
- Point Park Pioneer Pantry
- Wood Street Communications

## COURSE SEQUENCE

### Year One (18 credits)

Fall 1	Seminar in Community Engagement
Fall 2	Quantitative Research Methods I
Spring 1	Quantitative Research Methods II
Spring 2	Public Policy, Advocacy and Social Change
Summer 1	Psycho/Social Community Behavior
Summer 2	Proseminar I or Community Engagement Practicum

### Year Two (18 credits)

Fall 1	Qualitative Research Methods I
Fall 2	Qualitative Research Methods II
Spring 1	Theoretical Perspectives in Community Engagement
Spring 2	Leadership, Ethics and Social Responsibility
Summer 1	Program Design, Implementation and Evaluation
Summer 2	Proseminar I or Community Engagement Practicum

### Year Three (18 credits)

Fall 1	Proseminar II
Fall 2	Dissertation Seminar
Spring 1	Dissertation Writing I
Spring 2	Dissertation Writing II
Summer 1	Dissertation Writing III
Summer 2	Dissertation Writing IV

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