

Experiential PhD Leadership, Graduate Certificate

At Northeastern, PhD students enjoy a uniquely broad range of immersive opportunities to expand critical inquiry, learn, perform original research, and chart a path to professional success. Experiential PhD opportunities enable PhD students to step outside the comfort zone of their campus research group where students can pursue challenging, creative, customized assignments within industry, government, or the nonprofit sector that inform and enhance their pursuit of a research doctorate.

This Graduate Certificate in Experiential PhD Leadership aims to:

- **Challenge students to address complex problems** through experience within the context of real-world needs and their associated limitations in complex industry, government, or nonprofit sector organizations, broadening their view of stakeholders and value, shaping the very questions they raise and answer.
- **Equip students for a lifetime with the cultural agility, creativity, and professional skills**—public speaking and communications, meeting goals and expectations (e.g., project management for personal and professional purposes), teamwork, leadership, peer influence, leading from the middle—that they will need to translate their findings into impactful solutions.
- **Enrich every student’s research group and, ultimately, fields of expertise** by fostering a collaborative, entrepreneurial, innovative approach to knowledge creation that expands their network far beyond academia to include intellectual and professional mentors and collaborators.

This graduate certificate designed for PhD students across all of Northeastern’s research-based PhD programs provides students embarking on an experiential PhD with the preparation, project delivery, and guidance for contextual integration within the context of leadership development. All students pursuing this leadership certificate will be mentored by their sponsor supervisor and dissertation advisor(s).

Program Requirements

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

A B or higher is required in each course.

Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
PHDL 7600	Leading Self and Others	4
PHDL 7660	Experiential PhD Challenge Project 1	4
PHDL 7662	Experiential PhD Challenge Project 2	4
PHDL 7666	Contextual Integration	0

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

12 total semester hours required
 Minimum 3.000 GPA required