



Hello,

I am Dr. Laura Hurtienne, the DBA Program Director. Perhaps a doctorate is a dream of yours, or perhaps you have never considered it; either way, I would like to share a little bit about our program as you consider this educational journey.

### **What are the benefits of a doctoral degree?**

Many of our students see a change in their professional lives throughout the program. For some, it is an advancement in roles, for others, it is a complete career change. Organizations see the benefits that a doctorate can bring – research, unique perspectives, advancement of theories – and welcome individuals who are committed to continuous learning.

A doctorate not only brings professional gains but personal, as well. Students see themselves growing and transforming throughout the program. As students progress, they look at the world a bit differently and consider topics more thoughtfully. Romans 12:2 says, “Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (English Standard Version).

*Join us and continue to transform your life!*

### **Why is our DBA program special?**

A unique aspect of our DBA is that you write the first three chapters of your dissertation in classes that are designed to provide the support you need to take on this endeavor. The professors provide smaller assignments along the way to help you build each chapter into manageable sections. Additionally, you have a research advisor, who is with you from the beginning of the program, along with a committee who will support you. We have seen great success with this model.

Blessings,

Dr. Laura Hurtienne