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Keiser's doctorate for education leaders wins accreditation

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Keiser University, whose Daytona Beach campus is one of 13 in Florida, has gotten accreditation for its first doctoral degree in educational leadership.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools approved the program, a fully online doctor of philosophy in educational leadership designed for busy professionals.

"This degree prepares reflective scholars and capable professionals who apply theory, method and research to dynamically improve the schools under their leadership and, ultimately, the communities they serve," Gery Hochanadel, vice chancellor of academic affairs, said in a prepared statement.

Areas of study include curriculum design, management of distance education, funding of educational institutions and policy, politics and community relations.

Keiser, a private, for-profit institution, only began offering its first bachelor's degrees in 2003, achieving master's degree status in 2006.