Students who work on their EdD degrees can take what they're learning right away from day one and apply it to their organization. We get students all the time who talk about solving problems even before they finish their degree. What's also great about the EdD, its flexibility. Whether you're in military, corporate, higher education or P-12 or even non-profit areas. Those particular organizations are always trying to solve a specific problem. So, it doesn't matter what field you're in, there's always a way to educate, improve and innovate.

One of the biggest questions we tend to get is, "What is the difference between an EdD and a PhD?" And EdD and a PhD are both research but research in different ways. A PhD dissertation focuses on original research. An EdD focuses on applied research which is an organizational issue that you can solve directly with your capstone project.

The EdD offers many different specializations for programs. Some of the key ones we have are EDD leadership and management, performance improvement leadership and reading and literacy. So, one of the courses we have is leading and managing change. That particular course really gets at needs assessment like how do you know you're solving the right problem within your organization and offering tools that are innovative and different to solve those problems.

I think one of the things that's really unique about Capella as an online university is the support that we offer students, the second they walk in the door through the moment you walk across the stage. We are there as a strong support network, as a group, each step of the way. (Elena J. Kays, PhD) School of Education Faculty Chair