

AN INTRODUCTION TO DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

SPECIALIZATION: RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Training for the PhD degree in Rural Development is an urgent demand for enhancing human resource of local staff and managers in order to conduct agricultural and rural development policies of the Communist Party, State and Government. The Doctoral program has also helped enhance knowledge and skills for lecturers and researchers of regional and national research institutes and universities for sustainable agriculture and rural development of the Mekong Delta and the country.

In Can Tho University, many doctors who were graduated from different countries were obtained knowledge in relation to Economics, Agronomy, Sociology, Natural resource management,... which are closely linking to rural development discipline. They have owned various scientific reports at different levels and experienced in teaching as well as supervising PhD theses. Besides, several doctors from other institutions are also invited for the PhD program.

I. OBJECTIVES AND PROFESSIONS

Doctoral program in Rural Development adapts to demands of staff, lecturers and researchers in agricultural and rural development. Doctoral program in Rural Development has:

- Provided principals for development in economics, sociology, environment and institutions in agricultural and rural development in order to formulate sustainable development;
- Enhanced advanced knowledge on rural development policy, natural resource and environmental management, human resource development, and value chain development and improvement;
- Developed analytical skills in relation to economics, agricultural and rural development policy, natural resource and environment, value chains, vulnerability assessment and livelihood improvement, and project management;
- Developed skills in relation to participation, leadership and management, particularly in interdisciplinary projects or participation of multi-stakeholders.
- Enhanced skills about research, publication and teaching;
- Improved trust and responsible attitude, independent working, long-life learning, and critical thinking.

II. BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Training duration:

- *PhD candidate obtained MSc degree in Rural Development or other close specializations: Part-time type is 4 years, and full time type is 3 years.*
- *PhD candidate obtained BSc degree in Rural Development: Part-time type is 5 years, and full time type is 4 years.*
- *Extension duration: not exceed 2 years for regulated duration*

- Curricula
- Detailed outlines of units_

Entry condition:

- **Certificate condition** (*satisfied at least 1 condition*)
 - Having a full time BSc certificate in Rural Development at least fairly good level and one year of experience in socio-economics, agriculture and rural development;
 - Having a MSc certificate in Rural Development;
 - Having MSc certificates in close specializations with Rural Development and a certified complete about supplemental knowledge in MSc program in Rural Development.
- **Specialization condition:**
 - Correct/relevant specialization: Rural Development
 - Close specializations: Agricultural economics, Development economics, agriculture (crop science, animal husbandry, aquaculture), Social science, management science, natural resource and environmental management and other specializations in relation to Rural development.
- **An essay of research project**

An essay of research project presents clearly a research proposal, rationale, objectives, and expected outcomes; reasons for selecting educational organization; planning for training duration; experience, knowledge, understanding as well as preparation of a PhD candidate for the proposed research project; professions after graduation; and supervisors.
- **Recommendation letters**

Two recommendation letters are written by professors, associate professors or doctors who are same specializations or one recommendation letter is written by professors, associate professors or doctors who are same specializations and one recommendation is written by a leader of an organization in which PhD candidate is working.
- **Foreign language of PhD candidate** (*satisfied at least 1 condition*):
 - a) Having BSc, MSc or PhD certificates in Vietnam or other countries in which English is used through training course;
 - b) Having BSc degree in English;
 - c) Completed English Unit in MSc programs;
 - d) Having higher scores of TOEFL ITP 400, TOEFL iBT 32; IETLS 4.0 or TOEIC 400 or equivalents.
 - e) If a PhD candidate has not obtained these above condition, a PhD candidate has to pass an English entry examination at MSc degree.

The Mekong Delta Development Research Institute and Graduate School, Can Tho University have recruited PhD candidates since 2013.

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