



Leslie Trail, a student in the Assessment, Learning, and Student Success (ALSI) **#EDD** program & professor in the **MTSU College of Education**, says MTSU was her top option to earn her **#doctoral** degree. She shares her insights below!

What has been your favorite part of attending MTSU? My favorite part of attending MTSU has been working with the faculty in the ALSI program. The professors in this program believe in student growth and achievement and push participants to also believe in student growth and achievement. I see my own philosophies of education shifting because of the texts and discussions that they facilitate.

What has been your favorite part of your program? There are many things that I love about being part of this program. First, I have loved that every single time I meet on campus or online with my professors and cohort, I leave with a new idea or thought or practice to implement in my current job. Being with people who care about the future of education and studying alongside these individuals has also been one of the best parts of attending MTSU. Each of my classmates makes me want to be better - a better student, a better educator, and a better person.

Do you have any advice for prospective or future graduate students? My best advice for anyone thinking about graduate school - for whatever reason you seek that higher degree - is to take

the leap forward and begin the program of your choice. There is nothing to lose in seeking this graduate degree and everything to gain both personally and professionally.