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Vanderbilt University Partners with 2U, Inc., to Launch Online Degrees for Organizational Leaders and School Counselors

--Ranked among the top schools of education, Vanderbilt's Peabody College of education and human development will lead with online offerings for students across the U.S.--

NASHVILLE, Tenn. and LANDOVER, Md., Feb. 8, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Vanderbilt University, in collaboration with 2U, Inc. (NASDAQ: TWOU), today announced a partnership to launch two new online degrees to meet the needs of professionals. Through Vanderbilt's Peabody College of education and human development, the university will offer a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in school counseling and a Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) in leadership and learning in organizations. Both will be taught by a faculty which is one of the nation's most highly regarded.

"Preparing school counselors and organizational leaders to address an increasingly diverse society is among the most important things that we do at Peabody. As the fields of education and human development continue to evolve and to be affected by rapid advances in technology, we want to take advantage of these opportunities to meet students how, when, and where they are learning," said Camilla P. Benbow, dean of Vanderbilt University's Peabody College. "These new online degrees will help to engage an even larger community of education professionals, which is central to our mission."

The M.Ed. in school counseling will prepare students who want to work as professional school counselors in K-12 settings and meet the needs of the youth they serve. Through a rigorous and humanistic training model, students will develop a strong grounding in theories of human development and counseling practice and will learn to translate that knowledge to become effective school counselors. Graduates of the program will be able to acquire licensure for school counseling in public or private K-12 settings.

Peabody's online Ed.D. in leadership and learning in organizations is designed for experienced mid-career professionals and organizational leaders who currently possess a master's degree. The program will focus significantly on data and analytics and problems of practice to enable students to lead organizational change and drive systemic improvement in academia, government agencies, and the private sector.

Both degree offerings will mirror the high-quality and rigorous standards of Vanderbilt's on-campus programs. Peabody Online will feature live, face-to-face online classes in an intimate seminar-style setting as well as engaging, interactive course content created by the college's faculty and delivered through the 2U Platform. Students will participate in traditional, in-person learning experiences through practicums, internship and on-campus immersion experiences. The online programs are expected to launch in September 2017.

About Vanderbilt University and Peabody College

[Vanderbilt](#), an independent, privately supported research university in Nashville, Tennessee, is internationally recognized and offers undergraduate programs in the liberal arts and sciences, engineering, music, education and human development, as well as a full range of graduate and professional degrees. The combination of cutting-edge research, liberal arts education, nationally recognized schools of law, business, medicine, nursing and divinity, and one of the nation's top-ranked graduate schools of education creates an invigorating atmosphere where students tailor their education to meet their goals and researchers collaborate to address the complex questions affecting our health, culture and society. Vanderbilt's [Peabody College of education and human development](#) is consistently ranked among the best graduate schools of education in the country. Its graduates go on to effect systemic change in schools, policy-making settings, social service agencies, and Fortune 500 companies. The college's interdisciplinary community supports highly selective graduate and professional programs, national research centers, and a unique practice-oriented undergraduate major in human and organizational development. Peabody is particularly known for its strength in educational leadership, psychology and human development, and special education.

About 2U, Inc.

2U partners with leading colleges and universities to deliver the world's best online degree programs so students everywhere can reach their full potential. Our Platform, a fusion of cloud-based software-as-a-service technology and technology-enabled services, provides schools with the comprehensive operating infrastructure they need to attract, enroll, educate, support and graduate schools globally. Blending live face-to-face classes, dynamic course content and real-world

learning experiences, 2U's No Back Row® approach ensures that every qualified student can experience the highest quality university education for the most successful outcome. To learn more, go to [2U.com](#).

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