

LEADERSHIP AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, MEd

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This 30-credit master's degree prepares candidates for leadership and management positions in a variety of educational settings. The program emphasizes an understanding of the complexities of change in schools, communities, and organizations. Participants are expected to develop and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to create and maintain learning environments that value diversity, continual knowledge acquisition, instructional leadership, innovative and ethical decision making, reflective practice, and successful achievement of all school-aged youth.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>).

Policies

For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

In addition to coursework, students in Virginia Department of Education licensure pathways must complete additional licensure requirements to fulfill graduation requirements. See Degree Requirements.

Requirements

Formerly: E1-MED-EDLE

Degree Requirements

Total credits: 30

Core Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
EDLE 610	Leading Schools and Communities	3
EDLE 616	Curriculum Development and Evaluation	3
EDLE 618	Supervision and Evaluation of Instruction	3
EDLE 620	Organizational Theory and Leadership	3
EDLE 636	Adult Motivation and Conflict Management in Education Settings: A Case Study Approach	3
EDLE 690	Using Research to Lead School Improvement	3

Total Credits 18

MEd without Concentration

Grades of B- or better are required for licensure.

Code	Title	Credits
EDLE 612	Education Law	3
EDLE 614	Managing Financial and Human Resources	3
EDLE 634	Contemporary Issues in Education Leadership	3
EDLE 791	Internship in Educational Leadership ¹	3
EDLE 793	Internship Seminar in Education Leadership	0

Total Credits 12

¹ The internship is integral to the MEd and provides an opportunity to synthesize and apply the knowledge and practice the skills identified in the National Educational Leadership Preparation (NELP) Standards through substantial, sustained work in educational settings.

Licensure Requirements

Students enrolled in the licensure concentration must successfully complete the following licensure requirement to complete the program. This requirement must be satisfied before graduation:

- School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA 6990)

Licensure testing requirements are determined by the Commonwealth of Virginia and may change at any time. If changes to these requirements occur, students must meet the current testing and licensure requirements as set forth in the legal Code of Virginia.

Concentration in Independent School Leadership (non-licensure) (ISL)

This concentration is a non-licensure path leading to the Leadership and Human Development MEd degree with a focus

on the unique leadership and instructional needs of directors, heads of schools, and other professionals responsible for the growth and management of independent and private schools. Like other candidates in the program, students will develop and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to create and maintain learning environments that value diversity, instructional leadership, innovative and ethical decision-making, reflective practice, and the successful achievement of all students, with an emphasis on the independent school context.

Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
EDLE 613	Education Law for Independent and Nonpublic Schools	3
EDLE 615	Managing Financial and Human Resources for Independent Schools	3
EDLE 635	Governance and the Independent School Boardroom	3
EDLE 792	Internship in Independent School Leadership	3
EDLE 794	Internship Seminar in Independent School Leadership	0
Total Credits		12