

Why Educational Leadership?

If you are ready to move into a position of **higher responsibility and leadership** in your career as an educator, then the educational leadership program at UMW's College of Education can help you achieve your goals. UMW's program is designed to prepare skilled, reflective, and responsive school leaders who are well-equipped to meet the needs of diverse learners in our 21st-century schools.

As a student in the program, you will not only gain a thorough understanding of **research-based best practices** in educational leadership but also the skills needed to successfully manage the practical aspects of school administration and supervision.

Why the UMW College of Education?

Founded in 1908, the University of Mary Washington has earned the **respect** of school districts throughout the state and region for the **high quality** of its academic programs as well as its graduates in the field of education.

The University's **commitment** to preparing outstanding school administrators, teachers, and other education professionals was reaffirmed in 2010 with the creation of the College of Education. The new college brings additional focus and resources to the important task of preparing professionals to educate our nation's young people.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the educational leadership program are well-prepared for a variety of **leadership positions** at both the building and central office levels, including



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- Assistant principal
- Principal
- Instructional director
- Instructional coordinator/supervisor
- Administrative director
- Administrative coordinator/supervisor
- Assistant superintendent

Our graduates are working in **school districts throughout the state**, including

- Spotsylvania County
- Stafford County
- Fredericksburg City
- Culpeper County
- Orange County
- King George County
- Caroline County
- Prince William County
- Fairfax County
- Alexandria City

Program Description

The educational leadership program is offered in a **cohort format** and fulfills school administration and supervision requirements.

UMW offers two ways for you to earn the Virginia Administration and Supervision endorsement:

- **Master of Education degree**
- **24-credit post-graduate endorsement***

All students in the educational leadership program must receive a qualifying score on the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) to qualify for the endorsement.

**This option is for students who already hold master's degrees. Post-graduate endorsement students move through the program with master's degree students, but they are exempt from certain classes.*

Clinical Experiences

All students in the educational leadership program are required to complete an internship. You will accrue a total of 320 internship hours by completing embedded experiences in the core courses, shadowing a local building-level administrator, and doing an **intense internship** in the field.

The intense internship is the capstone experience for the add-on endorsement in school administration and supervision. It provides the opportunity to apply the skills, understandings, and competencies learned in the program under the auspices of a **mentor** licensed in the administration and supervision endorsement. You will identify, analyze, and resolve problems using effective problem-solving techniques throughout this sustained experience.

Student Support and Advising

The educational leadership faculty in the College of Education are committed to providing you with a **strong support system for success.**

You will be assigned a program faculty advisor who will answer your questions, assist you with course registration and the program internship, and provide general **guidance throughout the program.**

Length of Program

Two years

Students are admitted as a cohort in the fall and attend classes two nights a week for two years (six successive semesters including summers for M.Ed. completion; four successive semesters including summer for endorsement courses only).

Prerequisites

- Earned undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- GPA of 2.7 or higher on undergraduate course work and a 3.0 or higher on graduate course work
- Three years of experience as a licensed teacher

Course Listing

All courses are 3 credits

INDT 545	Organizational Leadership in Educational Technology
EDEL 548*	Evaluation for Instructional Improvement
EDCI 590	Individual Research
EDEL 539*	Special Education Leadership in Schools
EDEL 540*	Leadership for Learning and Diverse Student Populations
EDEL 541	Developing, Administering, and Evaluating Curriculum
EDEL 542*	Managing Schools and School-Community Relationships
EDEL 543*	Professional Development and Supervision of School Personnel
EDEL 545*	School Law and Society
EDEL 546*	Educational Policy and Decision Making
EDEL 547	Literacy Leadership for Administrators
EDEL 551*	Internship in Educational Leadership

*Required for post-graduate endorsement (24 credits)

How to Apply

Required Forms and Documents

- Completed application for admission
The application is online at admissions.umw.edu/graduate/education/master-of-education. If you prefer a printed copy, please call the Office of Admissions (Stafford Campus) at 540/286-8088 and they will be happy to mail one to you.
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate course work
- Résumé outlining work experience and education
- Verification of the collegiate professional or postgraduate professional license
- Two written essays
- Three current, sealed written references from your immediate supervisor and others qualified to address teaching performance and leadership potential

Interview Component

- In-person interview with College of Education administrators and faculty
- Writing exercise that may involve responding to a case study or producing a sample administrative letter

Virginia Department of Education Requirements and Accreditation

The Educational Leadership program at UMW is **fully accredited** by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and meets all of the requirements of the Virginia Department of Education.



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Questions?

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