

# EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.ED.) WITH A CONCENTRATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

The M.Ed. in Educational Leadership with a concentration in higher education administration is a 30 credit-hour program. The purpose of the higher education administration concentration is to prepare knowledgeable, competent professionals to make contributions in postsecondary settings. The curriculum will provide a solid educational foundation regarding a range of issues affecting higher education. Students will gain valuable knowledge that will prepare them to lead in areas such as academic advising, athletics, support and enrollment services. This program is available in an online format.

## Student learning outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

### Educational leadership core outcomes

1. Leverage practices of critical inquiry in promotion of equitable environments
2. Apply leadership skills that engage internal and external communities in mutually beneficial ways

### Higher education administration concentration-specific outcome

1. Demonstrate in-depth knowledge and skills in higher education administration

## VCU Graduate Bulletin, VCU Graduate School and general academic policies and regulations for all graduate students in all graduate programs

The VCU Graduate Bulletin website documents the official admission and academic rules and regulations that govern graduate education for all graduate programs at the university. These policies are established by the graduate faculty of the university through their elected representatives to the University Graduate Council.

It is the responsibility of all graduate students, both on- and off-campus, to be familiar with the VCU Graduate Bulletin as well as the **Graduate School website** and academic regulations in individual school and department publications and on program websites. However, in all cases, the official policies and procedures of the University Graduate Council, as published on the VCU Graduate Bulletin and Graduate School websites, take precedence over individual program policies and guidelines.

Visit the **academic regulations section for additional information on academic regulations for graduate students.**

## Degree candidacy requirements

A graduate student admitted to a program or concentration requiring a final research project, work of art, thesis or dissertation, must qualify for

continuing master's or doctoral status according to the degree candidacy requirements of the student's graduate program. Admission to degree candidacy, if applicable, is a formal statement by the graduate student's faculty regarding the student's academic achievements and the student's readiness to proceed to the final research phase of the degree program.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following degree candidacy policy as published in the VCU Graduate Bulletin for complete information and instructions.

Visit the **academic regulations section for additional information on degree candidacy requirements.**

## Graduation requirements

As graduate students approach the end of their academic programs and the final semester of matriculation, they must make formal application to graduate. No degrees will be conferred until the application to graduate has been finalized.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following graduation requirements as published in the Graduate Bulletin for a complete list of instructions and a graduation checklist.

Visit the **academic regulations section for additional information on graduation requirements.**

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## Admission requirements

Degree:	Semester(s) of entry:	Deadline dates:	Test requirements:
M.Ed.	Fall	April 1	

In addition to the general admission requirements of the VCU Graduate School (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/study/admission-graduate-study/admission-requirements/>), the following requirements represent the minimum acceptable standards for admission:

1. Bachelor's degree in an appropriate discipline
2. Two letters of recommendation addressing the student's potential for graduate study in education
3. Statement of intent
4. Transcripts of all previous college work
5. Resume or curriculum vitae

Please visit the School of Education website (<https://soe.vcu.edu/academics/masters-programs/med-educational-leadership/>) for further information.

## Degree requirements

In addition to general VCU Graduate School graduation requirements (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/grad/graduation-info/>), students are required to complete course work in core and elective courses.

1. Credit hour requirements: Students are required to complete a minimum of 30 credit hours.
2. Grade requirements: Receipt of a grade of C or below in two courses constitutes automatic dismissal from the program. Courses with a grade below C cannot be used to satisfy degree requirements.

## Curriculum requirements

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Core courses</b>		
ADMS 618	Leadership for Change and Improvement	3
ADMS 622	Understanding Diversity and Leading for Social Justice	3
ADMS 630	Understanding and Engaging School Communities	3
ADMS 633	Multiple Dimensions of Leadership	3
EDUS 660	Research Methods in Education	3
<b>Concentration courses</b>		
ADMS 612	Diversity in Higher Education	3
ADMS 615	Developmental Theories in Higher Education	3
ADMS 616	Higher Education Policy, Law and Finance	3
ADMS 619	Higher Education Administration	3
Select one of the following:		3
ADMS 634	College Environments	
ADMS 635	Critical Issues in Urban Higher Education	
ADMS 636	Crisis Leadership in Higher Education	
ADMS 637	Special Mission Institutions	
ADMS 638	Community Colleges	
ADMS 639	Enrollment Management in Higher Education	
ADMS 660	Higher Education Internship	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

The minimum number of graduate credit hours required for this degree is 30.

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