

# Specialist of Arts in Educational Leadership\*

\* Note: The majority of the concentration and cognate courses are available off-campus and on weekends. Select core courses are only offered on campus.

The Specialist of Arts degree in Educational Leadership is a post-master's program for prospective and practicing educational leaders. The program may either provide advanced administration preparation for P-12 schools and institution of higher education and/or the coursework that was previously required by the state of Michigan for administrative certification.

## **Accreditation**

The EMU College of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and approved by the Michigan Department of Education for the preparation of educational personnel.

Complete your application for admission to Eastern Michigan University on the Web — <http://www.emich.edu/admissions/apply/>

## **Program of Study**

The specialist's degree program requires a minimum of 32 credit hours beyond the master's degree. Students work closely with their advisers in developing a program of study that will prepare them for their career goals. Candidates for the specialist's degree in educational leadership must satisfactorily complete all work on the program of study. The requirements outlined below provide the basic guidelines within which the student's program is developed.

If students are seeking administrator's certification, significantly more courses may be required.

### **A. Completion of a master's degree in educational leadership or a relevant area.**

#### **B. Concentration Area: 16 hours**

- EDLD 710 Leadership Theory (3)
- EDLD 625 The Superintendency and District Level Leadership (3)
- EDLD 640 Organizational Theory (3)

(Seven hours of core educational leadership courses. These courses in educational leadership are selected with approval of the student's adviser and reflect the professional needs and objectives of each individual student.)

#### **C. Applied Research: 12 hours**

- EDPS 621 Statistical Applications in Educational Research (2)
- EDLD 713 Field-Based Research (4)
- EDLD 787–789 Internship in Educational Administration (2–4)

#### **D. Cognates: 6 hours**

These courses are elected from either educational leadership or other areas and should complement the student's career goals.

#### **E. Culminating Experience**

The culminating experience for the specialist's degree is a review and presentation of the student's field-based research study and the student's internship experiences as set forth in his or her internship plan. This review and presentation will be conducted by the director of the intern program and the director of the field-based research study and will be scheduled during the student's last semester in the program.

## **Additional Program Information**

- EDLD 787–789 Internship (2–4)  
Information is available from the director of the intern program. Internship placements should be arranged at least one semester in advance. The internship handbook is available online at: [www.emich.edu/coe/Lead\\_Coun/](http://www.emich.edu/coe/Lead_Coun/).
- EDLD 713 Field-based Research (4)  
This course is only offered in the winter and summer terms. Department permission is required in advance.
- Off-campus course offerings. The majority of the concentration and cognate courses for the specialist's degree are available off-campus and on weekends. Typically, three to four applied research courses are only available on campus in the evening.

## Admission Requirements

1. Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School.
2. Applicants must have completed a master's degree from an accredited university with a minimum GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Foreign students must submit scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) of 550 (total) or the Michigan English Language Ability Battery (MELAB) of 80. They must also submit a minimum score of 230 on the Test of Spoken English (TSE). Scores may not be more than five years old.
4. Applicants must submit scores on the quantitative, verbal and analytical writing tests of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE).
5. Applicants must submit recommendations from two professional supervisors and/or supervising professors that address the quality of the applicant's professional work. Applicants may receive these forms from the department office.

Recommendation forms are due with the Graduate School application.

Priority dates are as follows:

Fall admission: March 15

Winter admission: September 15

Spring/summer admission: February 15

6. Applicants must present evidence of a valid teaching certificate or sign a waiver indicating that they do not seek certification.
7. Applicants must submit a one-page resume that details their professional and educational experiences.
8. On the graduate application, students must complete the personal statement of accomplishments and academic goals portion describing the reasons for requesting admission. This essay must be a minimum of 250 words and will be reviewed as an indicator of writing ability.

## Fellowships, Assistantships and Scholarships

The Department of Leadership and Counseling awards a number of graduate assistantships in various areas of departmental need. Applications may be obtained through the Graduate School.

## Faculty

Most of the Educational Leadership faculty members have been practitioners in the field of education with numerous years of experience in school administration. Their range of expertise includes the principalship, the superintendency, school community relations and advanced careers in higher education. In addition, the department uses a cadre of adjunct faculty members practicing in school leadership roles. Each faculty member takes an active role in the development of students' goals, and many of the classes are small and seminar-like in structure.

## For More Information

For more information about course content and requirements for admission to the Specialist in Arts in Educational Leadership, contact:

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Or visit our website:

[www.emich.edu/coe/Lead\\_Coun/](http://www.emich.edu/coe/Lead_Coun/)

## Site/Location

Many of the program requirements can be completed at the following sites:

- EMU–Brighton: 810.225.0361
- EMU–Detroit: 313.342.2731
- EMU–Flint: 810.762.0303
- EMU–Jackson: 517.787.7265
- EMU–Livonia: 877.818.4368
- EMU–Monroe: 734.384.6090
- Washtenaw County/Weekend University:  
800.777.3521

