ABOUT THE PROGRAM

To support working professionals around the state and broader region, our MA and Ed.S. programs are offered fully online, via a blend of synchronous and asynchronous classes; our Ph.D. has the majority of its courses available online as well. Our professors have had extensive K-12 teaching and administrative backgrounds, which aids in bringing theory into practice. The use of project/problem-based assessments supported by an extensive internship experience and advising/mentoring throughout the program makes the program relevant to those interested in being an instructional leader in the current K-12 environment. As a result, graduates will be well-prepared by having the knowledge, skills and dispositions to facilitate, motivate, and lead high levels of learning in schools/districts.

WMU professors’ sophisticated intellect, unbridled dedication to the field, and seemingly unending fountain of knowledge provided inspiration and motivation throughout the course of my study.

Dr. Jill VanHof, alumni

The department also offers a Central Office Endorsement graduate certificate that is available fully online.

Potential course credit is now available via Prior Learning Assessments (PLA). Visit wmich.edu/leadership/academics/ed-leadership/doctor/k12-leadership/pla.
MASTER OF ARTS

Educational Leadership (2 concentrations): K-12 Principal and Interscholastic Athletic Administration

These fully online programs are designed to prepare a student for the leadership role of being a school principal, with one having the added aspect of preparation for being an athletic director. Students who complete either concentration will be recommended to receive Michigan Administrator Certification.

Both M.A. concentrations have rolling admissions, allowing students to start four different times per year.

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

Educational Leadership

Students with an existing Master’s Degree (in educational leadership or other area) and desire an advanced post-MA degree which prepares them to serve as a superintendent or other central office administrator will want to pursue this program. State administrator certification is an outcome, and all courses are available via an online virtual format.

The Ed.S. in educational leadership has rolling admissions, allowing students to start four different times per year.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Educational Leadership: K-12 Leadership

Students wishing to develop leadership skills and serve as a superintendent or other central office administrator, AND engage in research that helps the field will want to pursue this program. An integrated dissertation process is utilized which helps student success. State administrator certification is an outcome, and at least half of the requires courses are available via an online virtual format.

The Ph.D. in educational leadership application deadline is January 15.

97% of WMU k-12 administrative candidates are rated ‘effective’ or ‘highly effective’ by their school district within their first three years as an administrator.

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