WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Upon choosing from a variety of focus areas, students expand their expertise and acquire advanced curriculum and instructional competencies in career-related training programs, school-to-work initiatives, student leadership development and special populations. A certificate in Professional Workforce Educator is also offered. The program is nine credit hours and meets the academic course requirement for Michigan Standard CTE Certification.

I am grateful to the program for transforming me into a more dynamic teacher. I now have the tools and skill set to guide my students toward a career pathway that aligns with their passion and personal goals.

Gina Panzica, alumna

The program is offered in an online format, hybrid or face-to-face. As a WMU online student you are part of a community of professionals and learners from across the country.

WMU offers a doctoral program in Educational Leadership: Workforce Education and Development Leadership. This program is housed in the Department of Educational Leadership, Research and Technology.

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M.A. IN WORKFORCE EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP

This 30 credit hour degree option is ideal for candidates that are already a certified teacher OR working professionals looking to expand their knowledge of workforce education and training. This program can be taken fully online. However, many of the same courses are offered in face-to-face or hybrid format. While one can take all of their courses within the workforce education program, one can also take courses from other disciplines. The minimum requirements for graduation are that the candidate has taken at least 15 of their 30 credits at the 6000 level and 15 credits within the WFED program.

M.A. IN WORKFORCE EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP POST-BACCALAUREATE

This 36 credit hour degree option is for those seeking to become a certified Michigan middle or high school CTE teacher. The program certifies teachers in the following three areas:

- Business, marketing, management and technology
- Family and consumer sciences
- Industrial technology

100% of WMU workforce education and development graduate students were employed or continuing education within three months of graduation.

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