Western Michigan University’s **Workforce Education and Development** degree is a graduate program that leads to teacher certification. Students new to the profession have the option of completing the requirements for Initial Teacher Certification as the first part of their master’s degree. Courses are offered online, evenings and on weekends. An online component is offered specifically for military service members.

The **Master of Arts in Workforce Education and Development** (M.A.) reflects contemporary legislation, national trends and critical issues that affect state and national workforce development. It is designed to help students become certified to teach their trade in business, marketing, family and consumer sciences, engineering and industrial technology. The department carefully coordinates with schools in the student’s locale for the participants to complete the hands-on component of the courses.

- **Non-Teaching Certification** offers two special focus areas in leadership and instruction and requires a six credit hour field experience.
- **Teaching Certification** offers one special focus area in post-baccalaureate teaching certification. Certification leads to a State Secondary Provisional Certificate with an endorsement in marketing, business, family and consumer sciences, or industrial technology, as well as a vocational endorsement.

We have aligned the program objectives with the Career and Technical Education Standards for National Board Certification (NBPTS, 3rd Printing, 2001).

The **Leadership Development Program Graduate Certificate** is designed for those with a strong commitment to career and technical education and desire a leadership position at the secondary or post-secondary level. The certificate allows individuals to develop essentials skills for leadership within Michigan’s Career Preparation System.

As a nine credit hour certificate, the **Professional Workforce Educator Graduate Certificate** has a focus on the fundamentals of workforce education, development and training.

The **Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Workforce Education and Development** (Ph.D.) to enhance skills in administrative leadership, curriculum, or instruction for individuals involved in adult, secondary, post-secondary and four-year institutions.

Reasons to choose our program...

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Teaching, Research and Program Focus Areas
Our program prepares individuals to teach career and technical education-related subject areas in middle schools, comprehensive high schools and technical centers.

Industry Highlights
Our graduates are in high demand due to the large number of teachers retiring. In addition, very few universities have workforce education and development programs.

All faculty are former secondary-level career and technical education instructors. Faculty research interests include program evaluation, professional development, teacher education competencies, federal policy, college and career selection and global education.

Beginning teacher salaries range from $38,000 to $57,000. Graduates may also be able to teach at community colleges or become corporate trainers depending on work experience.

Funding
Funding is not available for this program.

Admission
Ph.D. applicants are admitted for the fall semester only.

Domestic
M.A. applications are accepted on an ongoing basis, allowing students to begin coursework in the fall, spring and summer semesters.

Fall 2018 Ph.D.: Jan. 15, 2018

International
Fall 2018 M.A.: Ph.D.: Jan. 15, 2018
Spring 2019 M.A.: Aug. 1, 2018
Summer 2019 M.A.: Jan. 15, 2019

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Western Michigan University est. 1903
Offering over 100 world class advanced degree programs and holding Carnegie Foundation classification as a higher research doctoral university, the institution has consistently appeared in the U.S. News & World Report as one of America’s best national universities. Graduate students make up 21 percent of the total student body and have been awarded nearly $52 million in financial assistance. WMU enjoys a rich 60+ year history of graduate education.

Kalamazoo, Michigan
The community offers a vibrant cultural atmosphere mixed with a variety of outdoor recreational activities. The city of Kalamazoo is located midway between Detroit and Chicago and is in close proximity to the shoreline of Lake Michigan.