Welcome

Central Michigan University provides a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership.

A Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership provides sufficient background for most entry-level administrative positions. Graduates qualify to serve in positions such as entry-level and mid-level directors in higher education, student affairs personnel, school business officers, and grant and contract administrators.

Students studying for this degree may select an emphasis area that best matches their goals. Students preparing for a position in a K-12 setting should be aware that this degree concentration is not an administrative certification program.

CMU also offers an online cohort option for the M.A. in Educational Leadership, with an emphasis in Charter Schools. Check with the department office to determine scheduling and emphasis focus.

Admission

To be admitted into the M.A. in Educational Leadership program, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Obtain admission to the College of Graduate Studies
2. Have an undergraduate GPA of 2.7 or above
3. Complete the portfolio-based admissions process

The following items must be included in the contents of the portfolio:

a. an Educational Leadership department application form;
b. a current resume identifying training, experience, and professional accomplishments;
c. a minimum of two letters of reference from individuals who can address the applicant’s potential as an administrator and attest to the applicant’s potential to succeed in the program;
d. a one-page statement addressing the applicant’s beliefs in administration;
e. a one-page statement of professional goals and actions the applicant intends to take to achieve the identified goals;
f. identification of a minimum of two activities that indicate experiences, abilities, and potential for administration. For each activity identified, the applicant should indicate the nature of the activity, type and number of persons involved, roles and responsibilities of the applicant, budget (if applicable), and a reflective statement addressing what learning occurred for the applicant.

Financial Assistance

The Educational Leadership department awards a limited number of graduate assistantships to students in the program.

Graduate students that are assigned an assistantship are given a full-time appointment, working 20 hours a week, or a part-time appointment, working 10 hours a week.

Graduate assistant benefits include a tuition waiver and a stipend. For more information on graduate assistantships, see the Academic Bulletin or visit the College of Graduate Studies web site at www.grad.cmich.edu.

About CMU’s College of Graduate Studies

Founded in 1892, Central Michigan University is now a multifaceted university and is classified as a Doctoral Research University.

CMU’s College of Graduate Studies currently provides graduate certificates, master’s, specialist’s, and doctoral degree programs in more than 70 fields and serves more than 2,000 graduate students at its main campus.

Located in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, a classic American university town, CMU’s 480-acre campus is accommodating, friendly, and conveniently located near shopping, dining, and recreational facilities.
Program Requirements

Core Courses (6 hours)
EDL 600 (3) – Research in Administration
EDL 615 (3) – Principles of Educational Administration

Emphasis Area (15 hours)
Select one of the following emphases:

General Educational Administration
EDL 656 (3) – Public School Law
EDL 662 (3) – School Business Administration & Facilities Management
EDL 663 (3) – Personnel Administration
EDL 664 (3) – Public School Finance
Plus 6 hours EDL electives determined in consultation with an advisor
Note: You may select either EDL 662 or EDL 664, not both.

Higher Education Administration
EDL 626 (3) – The Adult Learner
EDL 636 (3) – Higher Education Law
EDL 680 (3) – Teaching in Higher Education
EDL 764 (3) – Financing in Higher Education
EDL 776 (3) – Administration of Higher Education

Student Affairs Administration
EDL 636 (3) – Higher Education Law
EDL 677 (3) – The American College Student
EDL 757 (3) – Student Development Theory
EDL 776 (3) – Administration of Higher Education
EDL 777 (3) – Student Affairs Administration

Charter School Leadership
Note: This is an online program through Off-Campus Programs
EDL 645 (3) – Charter School Leadership
EDL 651 (3) – Program Review and Evaluation
EDL 656 (3) – Public School Law
EDL 662 (3) – School Business Administration & Facilities Management
EDL 663 (3) – Personnel Administration

Electives (6 hours)
Select electives in consultation with an advisor.

Capstone Project (6 hours)
All students earning a M.A. in Educational Leadership will take a written comprehensive exam during their last semester of enrollment in the M.A. program. Exams will be offered once in the spring and once in the fall.

Select either plan A or plan B:
Plan A: EDL 798 (1-6) – Thesis (Completion of a thesis, including oral examination of the thesis)
Plan B: EDL 698 (3) – Master’s Colloquium and EDL 699 (1-15) – Administrative Internship

Total Credit Requirements: 33 semester hours

Apply Online
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You may also visit our web site at:
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Central Michigan University provides students with the opportunity to enjoy state-of-the-art library and research facilities. CMU’s Park Library is located near the center of CMU’s appealing 480-acre campus.