

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (M.ED.)

Program Length: 12-18 Months

This program is intended for teachers and other credentialed school personnel who seek leadership positions in elementary and secondary schools and districts. The program is designed to prepare school leaders who are intellectual, reflective, and emotionally intelligent. Integrated course work and field experiences are directly linked to the real work of school leadership. Completion of the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential and the potential to garner employment while finishing the Master's degree is a benefit of this program. Students enrolled in the cohort model will start at the same time and follow a planned sequence of courses together.

Students have two options:

1. M.Ed. in Educational Leadership
2. M.Ed. in Educational Leadership and Preliminary Administrative Services Credential

Admission Requirements for the M.Ed.

1. Application for admission and application fee.
2. Official transcripts from all institutions attended. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a preferred GPA of 2.75 or above in undergraduate work and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in any graduate work.
3. A Statement of purpose (double spaced, 1, 500 words) that includes an articulation of the following:
 - a. Your reasons for entering teacher leadership as a profession.
 - b. Any personal or professional experiences and/or qualifications related to your intended field of study.
 - c. Your perspectives on the relevance and role of cultural competence in school leadership.
4. Current résumé.
5. Two letters of recommendation (on letterhead) from individuals qualified to objectively evaluate the candidate succeed in graduate school and the potential to be a competent educator. Letters must be from individuals who can knowledgeably comment academic skills, employment/volunteer experience, leadership potential, and professional abilities.

In addition, applicants for the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential must include the following:

1. Proof of a valid prerequisite California credential in teaching, pupil personnel, librarianship, health services, clinical services or rehabilitative services.
2. A minimum of four years of full-time experience is required for admission (five years required to be eligible for the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential).
3. Basic Skills Requirement (CBEST or Equivalent).

Degree Requirements

Total Program: 33 semester hours

Foundation Requirements

9 semester hours

Code	Title	Semester Hours
EDLD 570	Instructional Leadership ¹	3
EDLD 572	Foundations of Educational Leadership ¹	3
EDLD 573	Contemporary Issues in California Schools ¹	3
Total Semester Hours		9

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Administrative Leadership Concentration

15 semester hours

Code	Title	Semester Hours
EDLD 571	Human Resource Administration ¹	3
EDLD 574A	Orientation to Field Experience ¹	1
EDLD 574B	Field Experience B ¹	1
EDLD 574C	Field Experience C ¹	1
EDLD 576	Organizational Management and School-Community Collaboration ¹	3
EDLD 577	Fiscal Resource Management and Policy Development ¹	3
EDLD 578	School Law ¹	3
Total Semester Hours		15

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Research and Culminating Courses

9 semester hours

Code	Title	Semester Hours
EDLD 502	Educational Research and Inquiry	3
EDLD 504	Methods of Research	3
EDLD 596	Graduate Seminar	3
Total Semester Hours		9

California Administrator Performance Assessment (CalAPA)

The California Administrator Performance Assessment consists of three leadership performance tasks which are embedded into course work and field experiences. Candidates must pass these performance tasks to be recommended for the Certificate of Eligibility for the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential. The Preliminary Administrative Services Credential will be issued when the candidate is employed as a school administrator.

Master's Degree in Educational Leadership with Law Concentration (MED/JD)

JD students at the University of La Verne's College of Law may apply for admission to the Educational Leadership M.Ed. program to earn a second

degree. Law courses are reviewed for acceptance; students may request to transfer up to 12 law semester hours toward the M.Ed. degree.