



William & Mary
School of Education

EXECUTIVE ED.D.

Become a bold educational leader.

William & Mary's Executive Ed.D. programs offer an alternative to the traditional delivery model for the doctorate degree without sacrificing the quality education historically associated with William & Mary. Courses are taught in a format that better meets the needs of working practitioners. A focus on excellence, equity and school reform prepares graduates to lead transformative innovation and be agents of change in schools and communities.

FAST FACTS

Designed for: Teachers, administrators and other educators seeking leadership roles in schools and other educational settings

Concentrations: Gifted Administration, Higher Education Administration, International School Leadership, K-12 Administration

Prerequisite: Master's degree in education or related

Coursework: Part-time, 51 credit hours, typically completed in three years

Entry term: Summer

Format: Hybrid (concentrations in Gifted, K-12 and Higher Education Administration) and fully online (concentration in International School Leadership)

CULMINATING EXPERIENCES

The Executive Ed.D. offers a scholarly-practitioner model which resides at the intersection of theory, inquiry and practice. Coursework and research complement students' professional practice and is enriched by deep collaboration with the expert community of practitioner-scholars within each cohort.

Dissertation: The program is designed to integrate dissertation preparation and content into regular coursework. With faculty support and collaboration from classmates, you'll develop your own line of research and solve a problem of practice that's related to your experience, interests and aspirations.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

CORE SEQUENCE

- Educational policy, development and analysis
- Educational planning
- Leadership in education
- Data-based decision making
- Program evaluation
- Action research
- Cross-disciplinary perspectives in education

CONCENTRATION AREAS

Beginning with the second summer residency, students specialize their degree in one of your concentrations. All students also take a course on leadership for social justice, equity and excellence and a research seminar.

DISSERTATION STUDY

In the final fall and spring semesters, students pursue a dissertation centered around a problem of professional practice.

LEARN MORE

View the program of study at
education.wm.edu/eppl

Questions about applying for admission?

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As the world quickly changes, education must evolve to ensure that today's students are prepared to meet the world of tomorrow. To do that, we need educational leaders with the knowledge, skills and tools to effectively lead that change.

The Department of Educational Policy, Planning & Leadership is preparing the educational leaders who will guide, influence and shape institutions at all levels of education. We offer on-campus programs in K-12, gifted and higher education administration, as well as an Executive Ed.D. for working professionals who wish to study at the intersection of theory and practice.

In addition to a solid foundation in educational theory, ideas and inquiry, students are challenged to ask the tough questions in education and lead transformative innovation in schools and communities.

With a focus on equity and excellence, our programs in educational leadership will prepare you to be an agent of change and a bold leader in education.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY, PLANNING & LEADERSHIP DEGREE PROGRAMS

Curriculum and Educational Leadership (Ph.D.)

Higher Education Administration (M.Ed. & Ph.D.)

Gifted Education Administration (Ph.D.)

K-12 Leadership (Certificate, M.Ed.)

Executive Ed.D. with concentrations in gifted education, higher education administration, international school leadership, and K-12 administration

APPLY NOW

Application deadlines vary by program.

Find full details about applying online at education.wm.edu/admissions

WHY W&M?

Looking to pursue a graduate degree in education? Here are a few reasons to consider W&M:

A welcoming and supportive community

The School of Education is big enough to offer a diverse range of programs, people and experiences, but small enough to feel like family. You'll make close connections with your fellow students and your professors — relationships that will stay with you for life and help you forge your own career path.

A focus on leadership in education

Our programs produce leaders — people with the passion, skills and tenacity to effect change in education. Our alumni achieve early recognition, becoming school leaders and innovators.

A campus in the heart of historic Williamsburg

Founded in 1693, W&M is a campus that offers years of history and countless beloved traditions.

Professors who are leaders in the field

Our faculty are recognized and respected around the world for instruction and research. They're passionate about their own research as well as the success of their students — they are, after all, teachers first and foremost.

Field experiences that will change your life

You won't be stuck in lectures and you won't have to wait until after graduation to begin making a difference in the lives of students and communities. Opportunities abound to pursue meaningful, fulfilling experiences that allow students to both learn and contribute.

Programs for students at every career stage

Our graduate programs are designed to meet the needs of a diverse student population that includes full-time and part-time students, people re-entering the paid work force after raising a family, and recent recipients of bachelor's or master's degrees preparing for advanced positions in the field of education.