



William & Mary
School of Education

M.ED. – HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

Become a leader in higher education.

Do you have a passion for higher education? William & Mary's M.Ed. in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Higher Education Administration prepares students for leadership and service positions in colleges, universities, government agencies, research organizations, educational associations, and other post-secondary educational settings. Our program focuses on producing intellectually curious and culturally responsible leaders who will influence change to improve post-secondary learning around the world. We also offer two combined degree programs, allowing students to add study in business or public policy.

FAST FACTS

Designed for: Students wishing to work within higher education in areas such as admissions, student affairs, institutional advancement, recreational and student services, and multicultural affairs

Prerequisite: Bachelor's degree

Coursework: 36 credit hours typically completed over two years. Most courses are offered in the evening to accommodate working professionals.

Entry term: Fall

Fieldwork: Internship in higher education (minimum of 140 hours)

FIELD EXPERIENCES

An important component of the higher education program is the opportunity to pursue professional experience through internships and assistantships.

Internships: Each student pursues an internship in a professional context, either within an office or department at William & Mary or at a neighboring institution.

Assistantships: Graduate assistantships are the primary source of financial aid offered to students, and also provide valuable experience working within a higher education setting. Positions are available on the William & Mary campus, as well as at other nearby institutions. All students are encouraged to apply for an assistantship, and we do our best to match students to their top choice.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

CORE STUDY

- History of Higher Education
- Leadership & Change in Higher Education
- Higher Education Organizations and Contexts
- Social Justice in Praxis in Higher Education
- Educational Research for Practice
- Student Development Theory

PROFESSIONAL FOCUS

Each student, with assistance from an advisor, creates a professional focus by combining 9 credits (three courses) that develop knowledge and skills in a specific professional context.

CULMINATING EXPERIENCES

- Master's project: Each student prepares and presents an original project related to their area of professional focus.
- 140-hour internship in a higher education setting

LEARN MORE

Questions about the Higher Education program or applying for admission?

Contact the Office of Academic Programs.

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EDUCATIONAL POLICY, PLANNING & LEADERSHIP

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 programs in K-12 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 Learning Design (Ph.D.)

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

K-12 Leadership (M.Ed. and Ph.D.)

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

APPLY NOW

Applications are due by January 15.

Find full details about applying 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

With just over 650 students, 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

Study at a campus that offers more than 300 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 a lecture hall 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.