



William & Mary
School of Education

PH.D. – K-12 LEADERSHIP

Become a skillful and dynamic school leader.

If you want to advance the field of education and conduct cutting-edge research, the Ph.D. in Educational Policy, Planning & Leadership with a concentration in K-12 Leadership will prepare you to teach, investigate, and lead in academic and professional settings.

FAST FACTS

Designed for: Teachers and other educational professionals seeking leadership and teaching roles in academic and professional settings

Prerequisite: Master's degree in education or related field

Coursework: 69 credit hours minimum. Most courses are offered in the evening to accommodate working professionals

Entry term: Fall

Fieldwork: Fieldwork is integrated into coursework; Research seminar; 6-credit dissertation

CULMINATING EXPERIENCES

Throughout the degree program, real-world experiences allow students to study at the intersection of theory and practice.

Extended learning opportunities in university teaching or research: During advanced coursework, students have opportunities to co-teach graduate courses or work with faculty in ongoing research projects in areas of common interest.

Research Seminar: Explore your research interests and the challenges of conducting educational research.

Dissertation: Ph.D. students develop their own line of research with the help of a faculty advisor, culminating in a dissertation experience supervised by a committee made up of three faculty members.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

CORE SEQUENCE

- Educational policy: development and analysis
- Educational planning
- Leadership in education
- Cross-disciplinary perspectives in education

RESEARCH COMPONENT

- Quantitative research design & methods
- Qualitative research design & methods
- Advanced research methods

COGNATES

- School leadership
- Educational learning design
- Educational technology
- Curriculum studies

LEARN MORE

Questions about the K-12 Ph.D. program? Contact one of the program directors:

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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 on-campus 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 (Certificate, M.Ed. and Ph.D.)

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

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Applications are due by January 15.

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

With about 900 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.