Master of Science in Educational Leadership

How long will it take to complete the Educational Leadership master’s degree?

There are 13 courses and three semesters per year. Most students complete the program in a two-year or three-year cycle. The graduate school allows six years for completion.

When are the courses offered?

Most courses meet once per week for three hours; some courses meet on a condensed schedule of three to four weekday evenings and three to four Saturdays. Spring/Summer classes may meet during the daytime hours after schools are dismissed for the year. All weekday classes during the Fall and Winter Terms meet in a 4:30-to-7 p.m. or 7-to-10 p.m. time slot. Refer to the Course Schedule.

Is a leave required to complete the internship requirement?

The internship project does not require a leave from work. It is common for students to select a project within their own building or district related to school improvement, curriculum development, or staff development.

When should a student enroll in EDU 6320 and EDU 6330?

Enrollment in the internship seminar should occur in the second half of the student’s program. After a proposal for the internship project is accepted by the instructor, the student develops, implements, and evaluates the project following the guidelines established by the faculty advisor/instructor. The student will attend seminars through the year during which the internship project takes place.

Who teaches the courses?

Madonna University’s program maintains an effective balance of full-time faculty and adjunct faculty practitioners. Many of the courses are taught by full-time Education faculty. In addition, prominent administrators in Metropolitan Detroit school districts currently teach several of the courses. Visit our Faculty Info page for a brief description of the faculty.

How many students are in each class?

The class size usually ranges from 15 to 25 students.

Does the program meet the requirement of administrative certification?

Yes. Upon program completion, students can apply to the State for administrative certification through Madonna University’s certification officer.
Does the program accept transfer credits?

Students may transfer up to six semester hours of credit, with department approval, at the time of acceptance into the program. The program includes no electives, so the courses in question for transfer credit need to be close equivalents of those in Madonna University's program.

Is the Master's Program in Educational Leadership suitable only for teachers who plan to be school administrators?

The philosophy of the program emphasizes that all educators are leaders and all educators benefit from a strong foundation in issues related to effective leadership in the profession. Leadership skills cross the boundaries of not only discipline and field but of roles within a given field.