



VCU

School of Education

THE POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

This post-master's certificate is a 21-hour program for individuals who have obtained a master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university; the degree must be in the field of education or in one that meets the requirements to be employed in a position requiring licensure in Virginia. Applicants must have an active five-year renewable educator license and have at least two years of experience in an instructional personnel position that requires licensure in Virginia.

OUR MISSION FOR EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

As members of a university in an urban area, we have a responsibility to serve the communities around us. This is especially true here at VCU, where so many underserved and disadvantaged are within our reach. Every day, our city, its schools and its students face unique challenges. But where there are obstacles, there are opportunities:

A CHANCE FOR CHANGE.

A CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

The Context In Which We Work

40%

Economically-disadvantaged students now make up 40 percent of Virginia's student population.

34%

Thirty-four percent of children in Virginia currently live in low-income families.

17%

Nearly seventeen percent of children in Virginia face food insecurity.

12%

Students currently receiving special education services now represent twelve percent of the student population in Virginia.

10%

English language learners now represent ten percent of the student population in Virginia.

3.3%

One in every 30 children in the United States have experienced homelessness.

The Coursework

First Semester

Fall

Administrative Internship I
School Law

Multiple Dimensions of School Leadership

Second Semester

Spring

Enhancing & Supporting Instruction
HR & Fiscal Resources

Administrative Internship II

Third Semester

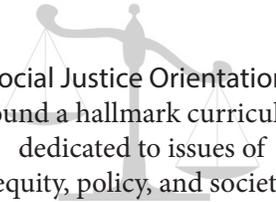
Summer

Leadership for Individual Learning
Leadership for Educational Change & Improvement

Administrative Internship III

WHY CHOOSE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AT VCU?

The VCU School of Education combines innovative teaching with real-world learning experiences, drawing on the resources of our culturally rich and diverse urban environment. Our research and development focuses on critical education issues, contributing to our fields of study. Graduates leave fully prepared for 21st century careers as leaders in schools, universities, and other educational settings.



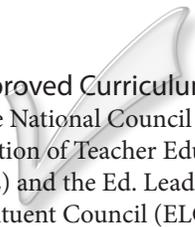
Social Justice Orientations ground a hallmark curriculum dedicated to issues of equity, policy, and society



Flexible Program Experiences allow for degree completion in one year



Internationally Recognized Faculty support and empower students as leaders of educational reform and policy change



Approved Curriculum by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Ed. Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC)

THE INTERNSHIP: EXPERIENCING THE DIVERSE ROLE OF TODAY'S ADMINISTRATOR

To meet Virginia licensure regulations, candidates must accrue 320 hours of internship experiences in a variety of settings and related to a variety of topics. Our program is unique in that students are able to accrue these hours throughout their program by completing embedded internship activities in specific courses AND by experiencing more intense administrative responsibilities over the last two semesters of their program. On-site mentors guide their work and evaluate their progress. A record of each candidate's progress, projects and internship hours are maintained by the candidate in an ePortfolio, which is evaluated by the department's internship coordinator.

Contact Information

If you are interested in learning more about a Post Master's Certificate in Education Leadership, please visit our website at <http://go.vcu.edu/edleadership> or contact Ian Watson itwatson@vcu.edu