

International Education/ Education Leadership

Specialization of the PhD in Education



Become a leader by contributing your knowledge and expertise to guide the next generation of international educators

Have you always wanted to build your expertise, engage in more hands-on research, yet stay employed during the year? Have you wanted to apply to a prestigious doctoral program but still have an option to take some classes online? Do you have driving questions about the future of international education you would like to investigate?

The International Education/Education Leadership (IEEL) specialization is a unique opportunity for experienced professionals to study with world-renowned faculty, taking courses that focus on both theory and practice while engaging in research that is meaningful to you.

Program Design

The International Education/Education Leadership PhD specialization is designed to:

- Enhance your knowledge and skills, useful in current or planned international educational and leadership roles.
- Improve your ability to analyze and conduct research about current social, economic, political, and ethical issues and concerns related to international educational and community situations and activities.
- Prepare you for leadership roles as a senior-level administrator, leader-practitioner, policy maker, academician, and researcher.

To accomplish these goals, students engage in a variety of intensive courses, independent studies, seminars, and internships of a highly practical nature. Students will have an opportunity to work with internationally recognized faculty at one of the highest-ranking and most diverse universities in the United States.

With courses online during the fall and spring, and a five-week summer residency, students will be able to complete all coursework in three years. Working closely with multiple faculty members, students will have a supportive environment to complete their dissertation after their coursework.

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Admissions requirements and more information

- Visit gse.gmu.edu/phd-in-education/phd-admissions
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Ideal Candidates

The ideal candidates for this joint program includes teacher leaders, administrators, and others interested in working in international schools or international education programs with a conferred master's degree and a minimum of three years of teaching and/or leadership experience in a K-12 setting.

Program Requirements

- EDUC 800 • **Ways of Knowing** | 3 credits
- EDUC 810, 811, 812, 821, 822 • **Educational Research Courses** | 15 credits
- International Education Courses** | 12 credits, *see below*
- Education Leadership Courses** | 15 credits, *see below*
- Internship and Independent Study** | 6 credits
- Specialized Writing Course** | 3 credits
- Doctoral Dissertation** | 12 credits
- Successful completion of three summer portfolio reviews**
- Successful proposal and dissertation defense**

International Education Courses

- EDUC 880 • **Introduction to International Education**
- EDUC 878 • **Intercultural Competence: Theory and Research Application**
- EDUC 892 • **Social Justice and Equity in International Education**
- EDUC 815 • **Research Inquiries in International Education**

Education Leadership Courses

- EDLE 801 • **Contemporary Organization Theory**
- EDLE 802 • **Leadership and Decision Making**
- EDLE 816 • **Instructional Leadership—Curriculum Policy and Practice**
- EDLE 818 • **Instructional Leadership—Supervision Policy and Practice**
- EDLE 895 • **Emerging Issues in Administration and Supervision Perspectives**

Admissions Requirements

Application Form and Fee: Submit an application form and fee. Application fees are non-refundable.

Resume: Resume should be updated and free of grammatical errors.

Goals Statement: The goals statement is 750–1000 words and should describe your academic and career goals related to the intended program.

Transcript: Students can upload their unofficial transcripts for application review. Visit our website for specific information.

GRE Scores: Scores must be from an examination taken within the last five years. Official test scores must be received by Mason by the application deadline.

Three Letters of Recommendation: Applicants should follow the instructions included within the online application to submit the recommendation form directly to their recommender. Mason does not accept paper recommendations. Recommendations should be professional or academic in nature. Visit our website for specific information.

Students with International Education Credentials: Visit our website for additional information.