



Dear Emerging Leaders:

As Program Director for JMU's Educational Leadership Programs, I will conduct information sessions for those interested in applying to JMU's:

1. Master's degree with an Educational Leadership Concentration and
2. Those who already possess an M. Ed. who are interested in applying for our certificate program.

We are currently reaching out to those interested in our new Spring 2025 synchronous-live online cohort, Dukes Gold.

You will learn about program length, credit-hour requirements, tuition, deadlines, example course schedules, and general program expectations.

You may choose to register for one of the Zoom information sessions listed below.

1. Select the hyperlink for a Zoom session you would like to attend.
2. Once you click on a link you will be sent to a registration page to register for the session.
3. The actual Zoom meeting link and a confirmation will be sent to the email you use to register for the information session.

Register for an October program information Zoom session using the links below:

- [Thursday, October 3, 6-7pm](#)
- [Thursday, October 17, 6-7pm](#)
- [Monday, October 21, 6-7pm](#)
- [Wednesday, October 30, 6-7pm](#)

In the meantime, feel free to peruse the attached flyer. I look forward to seeing you and answering any questions you may have.

Thank you,

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Educational Leadership

ABOUT

We offer two CAEP accredited graduate programs designed to prepare candidates to assume leadership positions in both schools and district offices. Our Educational Leadership Certificate and our Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Education with a concentration in Educational Leadership will prepare you to be interpreters, facilitators, and initiators of education change leading to effective schools for all children.

WHY CHOOSE JMU?

- **Quality and Rigor:** JMU holds SACSCOC accreditation and membership in the Online Learning Consortium and the Southern Regional Education Board. The College of Education and our programs holds CAEP accreditation.
- **Recognition:** Our programs are nationally recognized by the Educational Leadership Constituent Consortium.
- **Outcomes:** 100% pass rate on the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA).
- **Online Student Support:** JMU offers access to resources for online students at www.jmu.edu/online/resources/
- **Dedicated Advising:** Students benefit from personalized guidance for course planning and academic success.
- **Endorsement Application Support:** The CoE Education Support Center processes applications for endorsements.
- **LinkedIn Learning:** JMU's subscription provides access thousands of software tutorials that enhance their skills.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Tuition is pay as you go, so that the total program cost is spread out over your time enrolled in the program. Options for financial assistance are also available, including:

- Federal Financial Aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®).
- Local area full-time students may apply for Graduate Assistantships and Graduate State Scholarships.
- Payment plans for the fall and spring semesters.

Military applicants using VA Benefits are welcome!



Educational Leadership Programs at a Glance

	Certificate	M.Ed.
Credit Hours* (Courses)	18 credit hours (6 courses)	33 credit hours (11 courses)
Estimated Total Program Cost**	\$7,434 in-state \$7,614 out-of-state	\$13,629 in-state \$13,959 out-of-state
Estimated Time to Completion	3 to 6 semesters depending on starting semester and course load	2 to 5 years depending on starting semester and course load

*Certificate credit hours may be transferred into the M.Ed program.

**Based on 2024-2025 tuition rates of \$413 per credit hour for in-state students and \$423 per credit hour for out-of-state students.

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EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP COURSEWORK

The Master of Education with a concentration in Educational Leadership includes three interlocking components: the Professional Core, the Leadership Concentration, and an internship experience. **Students who already have a master's degree may complete the Leadership Concentration courses and the internship requirement to satisfy the Educational Leadership Certificate.**

The Leadership Concentration is typically completed with a cohort. Cohorts that meet in-person are available in Harrisonburg and Roanoke. Hybrid (in-person for <50% of course sessions) cohorts are offered for the Winchester area, Prince William area, Augusta/Waynesboro/Staunton area, and the Albemarle/Charlottesville area. Fully online synchronous (live) cohorts service students from all regions.

Component	Credit Hours (Courses)	Modalities	Required by Certificate	Required by M.Ed.
Professional Core	15 Credit Hours (5 courses)	100% online synchronous (live)		✓
Leadership Concentration	15 Credit Hours (5 courses)	In-person, hybrid (<50% in-person), and 100% online synchronous (live) options are available.	✓	✓
Internship	3 Credit Hours (1 course)	100% online asynchronous	Minimum of 190 hours	Minimum of 320 hours

LICENSURE / CERTIFICATION

This program meets the educational requirements for licensure or certification in the Commonwealth of Virginia. While it might meet requirements in other U.S. states or territories, JMU makes no guarantees or promises that it does and thus cannot enroll a prospective student who intends to seek licensure and employment outside of Virginia. However, per Federal Department of Education regulation 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32), if you will be located in a state other than Virginia while participating in the program, and attest that upon successful completion of this program you plan to pursue licensure and employment in Virginia in a related field, you will be eligible for enrollment.

In accordance with [VDOE Regulations](#), a candidate who has the appropriate teaching license, who completes the Educational Leadership program and who achieves a passing score on the School Leader's Licensure Examination is eligible for endorsement in PK-12 administration and supervision in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Accordingly, **this program requires applicants to hold or have held a valid teaching license or provide documentation of professional employment in the field, and have three years of full-time teaching (or equivalent) experience in a school setting.**

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ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS?**

