

About Montclair State University

Since its founding in 1908, Montclair State University has had a rich history of innovation, distinction, and growth. Montclair State, a vital educational force, is ranked as one of the top universities in the region. Graduates from Montclair State University are well equipped with the skills needed to respond to today's dynamic environment, as well as future challenges and opportunities.

About the College of Education and Human Services

With a more than 100-year tradition of excellence and educational leadership, the College of Education and Human Services offers several advantages for those pursuing a graduate education:

- Outstanding and innovative graduate programs in the education and human services fields with nationally-recognized faculty and accreditation;
- Program faculty and staff dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our graduate population;
- Flexible study for both full-time students and working professionals, including weekend, accelerated, and Web-enhanced course options;
- Facilities that are on the cutting edge of learning and technology, including University Hall, the College's home, and the largest and most sophisticated building in the University's history.

About the Center of Pedagogy

The Center of Pedagogy is charged with initiating and coordinating all aspects of teacher education. The Center's work is informed by the belief that public education is critical to creating and sustaining a political and social democracy.



Educational Leadership (MA) Fast Track Option

Earn a master's degree in
Educational Leadership
in 14 months

Overview

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership program prepares excellent and dedicated school leaders for the state of New Jersey. This practice-driven program will guide aspiring principals and supervisors to cultivate a democratic vision for schools and students' learning. The Fast Track Option allows students to earn the master's degree as well as principal and supervisor certifications in 14 months while working full time. This program is ideal for working professionals who wish to pursue a master's degree in an accelerated format. Classes are offered on select weekends and evenings, are experiential in nature, include online and hybrid formats, and offer a blend of theory and practice. The structure enables a busy professional the flexibility of an intensive, yet manageable, course of study while working full time.

Program Information

Graduate students enrolled in the Master of Arts in Educational Leadership seeking to be supervisors, principals, vice principals, directors, and school superintendents will participate in courses and field experiences:

1. To help develop and/or support a personal philosophy of education and social consciousness consistent with research-based theories of learning and human development.
2. To develop characteristics required for effective instructional leadership in education.
3. To analyze educational organizations and plan programs and strategies for increasing organizational effectiveness.
4. To develop techniques to facilitate interpersonal and group problem-solving and decision-making.
5. To develop skills in managing change and conflict in educational endeavors.
6. To interpret research findings and design and implement research for their organizational needs.

Students are part of a cohort learning team, working cooperatively throughout the program. Cohort members include professionals from urban, rural, and suburban districts.

The program is offered over the course of 14 months, from July of the first year through August of the second year. In each of those four semesters, students typically take one course online over 15 weeks, accompanied by two 7-week

accelerated courses in hybrid format. As a result, students complete 9 credits in a semester, yet only take two courses at any given time. Due to the accelerated nature of this program, individuals need to be self-directed learners who have a good working knowledge of technology, and can devote the time required to an accelerated 9 credits a semester commitment.

While students in the program experience coursework in an accelerated delivery format, there is no compromise with respect to program quality. Fast Track program courses contain the same level of academic rigor as traditional program courses, which ensures that our graduates are well-prepared to serve as educational leaders upon completion of the program. Our graduates have obtained administrative and supervisory positions in many of New Jersey's school districts, and have been recognized for their achievements and success.

Essential Questions

As students progress through the program, essential questions about leadership will guide them toward their articulated goals. Inquiry and reflection about these questions will be integrated into coursework, and students will explicitly consider them in relation to each component of the program.

- What is the nature of power, authority, and leadership in education?
- What are the roles of school leaders?
- How do relationships impact the school setting?
- What information matters?

"I think it's a fantastic program with phenomenal professors and the content is terrific. Not everyone can handle, or wants to handle, the Fast Track program. But again, I tell them even if you choose traditional track...do it at Montclair State."

Current Fast Track Student

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For further information

<http://cehs.montclair.edu/academic/counseling/>

Apply online

<http://www.montclair.edu/graduate>

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for the current academic year may be accessed at:

<http://www.montclair.edu/bursar/tuitionandfees/graduate.html>

Montclair State University offers financial aid, scholarships and graduate assistantships. To obtain financial aid information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 973-655-4461.

Information regarding graduate assistantships and scholarships may be found at <http://www.montclair.edu/graduate>.

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