

## 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 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.



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## Teacher Leadership

Master of Education Degree Program



Creating teachers  
who lead by example—  
through ethical commitment  
and collaboration—  
to create transformation.



College of Education and Human Services

# Master of Education in Teacher Leadership

The goal of the program is to provide practicing teachers with the skills to facilitate, empower and support lifelong learning, pedagogical excellence, and collaboration amongst colleagues, parents, and students. Teacher Leaders engage others in dialogue and action to strengthen student performance. The program was developed in collaboration with the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), and its Center for Teaching and Learning.

## Core Beliefs

Teacher Leadership is not a formal role, responsibility or set of tasks. Rather, it is a form of agency in which teachers are empowered to lead efforts and build grassroots capacity to directly impact the quality of teaching and learning. Teacher Leaders lead within and beyond the classroom through four core commitments:

1. Teacher Leadership is grounded in knowledge of learners and subject matter. Teacher Leaders lead by example.
2. Teacher Leadership is an ethical commitment. Teacher Leaders lead with their ethical commitment(s) to their content area, students, families, and the integrity of their profession.
3. Teacher Leadership is collaborative and inclusive. Teacher Leaders lead through collaboration with colleagues, families, students, and communities.
4. Teacher Leadership is transformative. Teacher Leaders lead for transformation of policy, people, and/or practices.

## Program Information

This 35-credit program housed in the Department of Curriculum and Teaching consists of a course of study that is designed to pair academic courses with field experiences. A two-year commitment (five semesters), including one summer, is the minimum time in which the program can be completed. Most of our students are enrolled part-time and the majority of them are in-service teachers. Courses are offered near or in a school district. Classes are usually

scheduled back-to-back on a single evening. This structure allows for a cohort model that nurtures a supportive learning community.

As students progress through the program, inquiry and reflection will be integrated into coursework around the following themes:

- Leading by Example through Content, Instruction, and Curriculum.
- Leading through Self-Study, Action Research, and Specialization
- Leading within Teaching, Learning, and Assessment
- Leading with Collaboration: Professional Development and the Dynamics of Leadership
- Leading for Transformation: Impact on People, Policy, and Practice and Research Specialization/Mentorship

### From Our Students

*“The MSU Master of Teacher Leadership Cohort Program has enabled me to be a more proficient and successful educator because it has challenged me to explore and test my educational knowledge and prepare me to be a future teacher leader. I have had the privilege of working with a wonderful group of talented colleagues and professors who have enriched my experience in the program and shared in the journey of the leadership program together.”*

—Denise Allen

*“What a wonderful opportunity to work with a cohort of dedicated teachers who together are working toward a common goal.”*

—Adrienne Ross

## For further information

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

## Apply online

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## Tuition and Fees

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

<http://www.montclair.edu/graduate/prospective/tuition.shtml>

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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