What People are Saying

“The practicum experiences, the support and guidance from the teaching faculty, the relationships built with other adult students from surrounding school divisions, and the “real life” problems and issues addressed in the educational leadership program at JMU helped prepare me to be successful at my first administrative position. I still keep in touch with several of the professors and fellow students (that are now also administrators).

I am so glad I made the choice to get my advanced degree from JMU! This program helped prepare me to be the very best school principal I can be ... and to remember to keep the students first in all my decisions!”

-Principal Teresa Day

“Had this cohort not been made available so close to home and at such a reasonable cost, I would never have attempted this journey. This has been the single most informative and valuable educational experience in a lifetime dedicated to learning. This program has been a life-changing, empowering experience.”

-Rich Follett, Certificate Program Graduate

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Educational Leadership

Creating today’s leaders for tomorrow’s schools

The Master’s Degree in Education with a concentration in Educational Leadership is designed to prepare candidates to assume leadership positions both in school and district offices. The organizing theme for the program is the school/district administrator’s central role as the **interpreter**, **facilitator**, and **initiator** of educational change leading to effective schools and increased student achievement for all children.

The educational leader must understand and **interpret** changes within this context to improve the safety and operation of schools.

In the role of **facilitator**, the administrator must be able to effectively implement programs mandated by the school board and support positive changes suggested by students, staff, or parents.

Finally, as the **initiator** of change, the administrator must lead the process of continuous school improvement.

Many of our students complete their M.Ed. or Certificate Program in 24 months or less.

**Already have a Master’s Degree?**

You may complete the Leadership Concentration and EDUC 641, Learning Theory and Instructional Models, to complete the Certificate Program in Educational Leadership offered by the JMU Outreach and Engagement Program.

**State Assessment Requirement**

Certificate and Master’s students must also achieve a passing score on the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) in order to receive the Department of Education’s endorsement as a PK-12 school administrator.

**Areas Being Served**

Augusta County, Goochland County, Hanover County, Harrisonburg, Hopewell, Madison County, Manassas City, Martinsville, Page County, Prince William County, Roanoke, Rockbridge County, and Winchester