

Master of Education Independent and Charter School Leadership

ADVANCED TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM



Mercer University is an institution built on achieving meaningful outcomes to change lives and impact communities around the world. As a leader in innovative, enriching curricula, Mercer prepares students to lead the way as visionaries in education by offering educational leadership programs designed to help educators cultivate their leadership potential.

Independent and charter school leaders must understand and accept the unique challenges inherent in operating an independent school. Therefore, Mercer has collaborated with professional organizations for independent and charter schools, as well as numerous heads of independent schools throughout the state, to develop the **Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Independent and Charter School Leadership**.

Through Mercer's M.Ed. in Independent and Charter School Leadership program, students are prepared to implement policies and practices consistent with school vision, create an environment to foster student growth, promote collaboration among the school's leadership, and establish a culture in which all stakeholders are challenged and inspired to give their best in pursuit of the school's goals.

This program is designed for:

- Independent and charter school educators seeking to move into leadership
- Candidates seeking a career in or transitioning to the independent or charter school setting

PROGRAM DETAILS

Format: Blended combination of online and on-campus instruction

Start Terms: January, March, May, August, and October

Course Length: 8 weeks

Completion Time: 12-16 months

Field Experience: One credit hour residency course each term

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Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking admission must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Completed application for admission
- \$25 non-refundable application fee
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Applicants with a previous undergraduate GPA below 3.0 may submit GRE scores or other standardized test scores as strong evidence of his or her ability to complete graduate coursework
- Current vita or résumé
- Three professional letters of recommendation, including one from the candidate's current supervisor
- Written narrative of career and academic goals
- A writing sample

International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

- EDEL 604 Leadership Theory
- EDEL 605 Leadership in Curriculum and Supervision
- EDEL 610 Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment
- EDEL 621 Foundations of Independent Schools
- EDEL 622 Managing School Resources in Independent and Charter Schools
- EDEL 623 Leadership of the Extra-Curricular Program in Independent Schools
- EDEL 624 Legal and Ethical Requirements of Independent School Leaders
- EDEL 645A Internship
- EDEL 695 Educational Research
- EDEL 822 Collaborative Strategies: Strengthening Internal and External Relationships

Total 30 hours



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