

Master of Education Independent and Charter School Leadership

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP 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: Online instruction, 75% synchronous online and 25% asynchronous online

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

Course Length: 8 weeks

Completion Time: 12–16 months

Field Experience: Three-credit-hour internship in an independent or charter school

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Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking admission must hold a bachelor's degree from a college accredited by an institutional accreditor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education with a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Completed application for admission
- \$25 non-refundable application fee
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- 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 722	School, Community, and Society

Total 30 hours

Prior Learning Credit

Applicants who have completed the Georgia Independent Schools Association's Emerging Leaders Institute will receive credit for EDEL 621-Foundations of Independent Schools and EDEL 645A-Internship.



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