The coursework and related experiences prepare the M.Ed. candidate to promote the success of all students by being a leader within their classroom, school, or district. Emphasis is placed on determining candidate’s own personal leadership vision and leadership style while at the same time learning to lead others. Common educational leadership threads throughout the program include: (a) Research and Scholarship, (b) Use of Data, and (c) Operational Language.

**Admission Requirements and Procedures:** Visit the [Graduate School webpage](#) and click the “Apply” link on the left side of the screen. Begin by creating an account on CollegeNET by clicking the “account” link on the Apply page. CollegeNET is a self-managed application system. It will allow you to submit admission materials, check the status of your application, and view your decision letter using this account. If you have issues with your CollegeNET account, consult the CollegeNET help desk by submitting a Help Request Form or email help@collegenet.com.

Individuals seeking admission as degree students in this program must comply with the general admission requirements for graduate students at Edinboro University and with the following specific admission requirements for this program:

1. Complete the online application.
2. Pay an application fee of $30.
3. Provide an official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
4. Have earned an undergraduate cumulative quality point average of 3.0.
5. Complete the required writing sample (500 word) answering the question. Why have you chosen to be an educational leader?
6. Submit a copy of valid teaching certificate. If not certified submit letter stating access to a school building/leader or educational agency.
7. If applicable, apply for the acceptance of transfer credit prior to the beginning of the program (when possible)

**Curriculum**

30 semester hours of prescribed graduate credit is required as a partial requirement for the degree. These required graduate credits should be earned as follows:

EDLR 700 Introduction to Educational Leadership
EDLR 711 Educational Leadership in a Pluralistic Society
EDLR 716 Educational Leadership from a Global Perspective
EDLR 720 Dynamics and Processes for Leading Change
EDLR 731 School and Community Relations
EDLR 741 Curriculum Leadership
EDLR 745 Instructional Leadership
EDLR 775 Educational Leadership Theory and Practice
EDLR 795 Technology Standards for Educational Leaders
EDUC 788 Research in Education

**Degree Requirements:**

In addition to successful completion of the prescribed 30 graduate credits of course work for the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, the individual will be required to satisfactorily complete a comprehensive exam administered in the final semester of their program. No more than six semester hours of "C" grade will be accepted toward meeting the 30 semester hours of credit required for the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership.
**For More Information:** If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University's School of Graduate Studies at gradstudies@edinboro.edu or at (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890. For questions specific to the MEd in Educational Leadership, please contact Dr. Andrew J. Pushchak at (814) 732-2548 (apushchak@edinboro.edu).

**Office for Students with Disabilities:** For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), at (814) 732-2462. For additional information, visit the [OSD web page](mailto:).

**Graduate Assistantships:** Graduate Assistantships are available for campus based students only. They are awarded on a competitive basis. Admission applications must be completed by February 15th to be considered for an assistantship. Assistantships provide a partial waiver of tuition and a stipend, as well as an opportunity to gain experience in research and professional activities. Additional information about assistantships is available through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, (814) 732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

**Financial Aid Considerations:** An academic year consists of fall, spring, and summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to $20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (fall and spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (888) 611-2680 or finaid@edinboro.edu.

**Employer Reimbursement:** Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the employer tuition reimbursement agreement is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed employer tuition reimbursement agreement.

**Veterans' Education Benefits:** Information and printable forms regarding Veterans' Education Benefits and the Montgomery GI Bill are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, [http://www.gibill.va.gov/](http://www.gibill.va.gov/). After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

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