Master of Education
Educational Leadership Emphasis (33 credits)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS IN BRIEF

Alvernia University is a Franciscan university rooted in the Catholic and liberal arts traditions, dedicated to the ideals of service in the helping professions. Our rich heritage of service and strong faith resonates in contemporary ways in our campus life and academic programs. Alvernia University’s graduate programs are designed for the focused working professional who places equal value on intellectual achievement and professional growth. Our faculty and staff are committed to teaching, guiding and supporting our students in all aspects of their experience at Alvernia University, from course selection and scheduling, to connecting with peers and colleagues.

The Educational Leadership emphasis of our Master of Education degree program explores topics in school leadership such as law, finance, administration and human resource management. The program gives educators the opportunity to explore the academics behind administration and can be utilized to fulfill professional training requirements and advance on the salary scale. Students are accepted for a period of five years and can choose to pursue their program on a part-time basis. Flexibility of enrollment is a hallmark of an Alvernia Master of Education degree.

The program in Educational Leadership leading to a Master of Education is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

ADMISSION

Students are eligible for admission to the M.Ed. program when the following criteria have been met:

1. Undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate transcripts with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher
2. Completion of Graduate application for admission including all required supporting documentation

CAREER SUCCESS

Make your administrative position matter by using theory, fundamental techniques and research-based best practices. This program provides both historical and current knowledge of legislation, laws and research findings, existing and emerging theory and methods of assessment—both individually and state-wide. Learn to encourage respect and social responsibility in your students, district employees, teachers and staff members, as well as in parents.

At Alvernia we measure our success by our graduates’ personal and professional satisfaction, and by the ways they contribute to the greater good in all areas of society. Our graduates are employed in virtually all schools in Berks County and in many schools throughout the Middle Atlantic region. No matter what your aspirations and dreams, we’ll give you the tools and support to help you thrive.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS:

- COR 520 Ethics & Moral Leadership 3 credits
- MED 501 Standards-based Planning & Instructions 3 credits
- MED 518 Quantitative Research Methods 3 credits
- MED 520 Educators as Researchers (Pre-requisite: MED 518) 3 credits
- MED 540 Assessment & Evaluation in Today's Schools 3 credits
- MED 550 Introduction to Educational Administration 3 credits
- MED 610 School Law & Social Advocacy 3 credits
- MED 611 School Finance 3 credits
- MED 650 Functions of School Supervision 3 credits
- MED 680 Research Seminar (Pre-requisite: MED 520) 3 credits
- MED XXX Elective (recommend MED 535 or MED 553) 3 credits

Total Credits in M.Ed. Program 33 credits

Additional Requirements to add Principal Certification to Master of Education in Educational Leadership:

- MED 515 Differentiated Instruction in Inclusive Classrooms OR 3 credits
- MED 535 Collaboration and Legal Issues for Special Educators
- MED 553 The School Administrator 3 credits
- MED 685 Principal Internship 3 credits

Fieldwork hours completed as follows:
- MED 550 - 45 hours
- MED 553 - 45 hours
- MED 611 - 45 hours
- MED 650 - 45 hours
- MED 685 - 180 hours
Total Hours: 360

LOCATIONS

Students can choose to take classes where and when it is most convenient. This program is offered on campus at our Reading, Pottsville and Philadelphia locations.

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