

# Master of Arts in Educational Leadership

## For Student Affairs and Higher Education Professionals

EMU's Master of Arts in Educational Leadership for Student Affairs and Higher Education professionals is a proactive response to the challenge of increasing the supply of professionally prepared administrators for postsecondary institutions. It is designed to incorporate a common core of leadership courses and prepare students for the unique challenges of leadership in student affairs and higher education. The program is designed for individuals who are seeking a practical learning experience rather than a formal concentration in theory and research; provides a quality learning environment with faculty who are engaged in teaching, research, and service; arranges classes that meet in the evenings and weekends; and plans courses in a location easily accessible with adequate parking.

### **Career Opportunities**

Graduates of the program will be prepared to enter or continue a career in student affairs and higher education at two-year and four-year institutions. The program is designed to offer students a general introduction to student affairs and higher education as well as provide specific concentration areas for career development. Career opportunities related to student affairs professions are: student activities, residence life, career services, advising, admissions, Greek affairs, multicultural center/advising and judicial affairs. Career opportunities related to higher education administration are: academic administration, continuing education

administration, institutional research, and other various administrative positions. Graduates will also be prepared to pursue advanced study leading to the specialist and doctorate degrees.

### **Accreditation**

Eastern Michigan University is accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. EMU's College of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. The student affairs emphasis area meets the standards established by Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS).

Complete your application for admission to Eastern Michigan University  
on the Web — [www.emich.edu/admissions/apply/](http://www.emich.edu/admissions/apply/)

## **Proposed Programs of Study**

### **EDLD Master of Arts Higher Education /General Administration (38 credit hours total)**

#### **Basic Concentration (18)**

- EDLD 509 Educational Leadership in a Pluralistic Society (3)
- EDLD 551 Contemporary College Students (3)
- EDLD 613 Introduction to Higher Education (3)
- EDLD 614 Law of Higher Education (3)
- EDLD 622 Organization and Administration of Higher Education (3)
- EDPS 667 Principles of Educational Research (3)

#### **General Administration Emphasis (11)**

- EDLD 633 History of Higher Education (3)
- EDLD 634 Higher Education Finance (3)
- EDLD 635 Higher Education Policy Analysis (3)
- EDLD 687 Internship (2)

#### **Approved Electives (9)**

### **EDLD Master of Arts Higher Education/Student Affairs (38 credit hours total)**

#### **Basic Concentration (15)**

- EDLD 509 Educational Leadership in a Pluralistic Society (3)
- EDLD 613 Introduction to Higher Education (3)
- EDLD 614 Law of Higher Education or EDLD 636 Legal, Ethical and Policy Issues in Student Affairs (3)
- EDLD 622 Organization and Administration of Higher Education (3)
- EDPS 667 Principles of Educational Research (3)
- General Administration Emphasis (13)
- EDLD 550 Introduction to Student Affairs (3)
- EDLD 551 Contemporary College Students (3)
- EDLD 655 College Student Development Theory (3)
- COUN 689 Field-Based Experience I (2)
- COUN 690 Field-Based Experience II (2)

#### **Approved Electives (10)**

## **Internship/Portfolio**

The culminating activities include an internship/field experience and portfolio requirement to be fulfilled before graduation.

## **Graduate Assistantships**

For those interested in attending full-time, there are a number of graduate assistantships offered throughout EMU. Graduate assistantship financial package consists of 18 tuition free credit hours per year plus a graduate assistantship stipend. Some assistantships provide housing and dining services support. Several departments provide supplemental travel expenses to professional conferences and pay for memberships in the professional organizations appropriate to the student's field of study. Traditionally, some of the campus departments that offer assistantships are:

- Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
- Department of Leadership and Counseling
- Housing and Dining Services
- Career Services Center
- Holman Success Center
- Office of Admissions
- Academic Advising
- Student Athlete Support Center
- Office for Student Judicial Services
- Other Administrative Offices

## **Graduate Assistantship/Program of Study Interview Days**

### **(Annually held in late March)**

If you are interested in our programs of study and a graduate assistantship to attend full-time, we offer a specific, formal visiting day for prospective graduate students in order to meet students, faculty and student affairs professionals. The purpose of the visiting day is to acquaint you with the campus, the graduate program and interview for available graduate assistantships.

## Advising

An educational leadership program advisor will work with you to assist in the exploration of degree requirements, evaluation of applications for admission to a degree program, preparation of a plan of study, approval of program changes and recommendation for graduation. For more information or to schedule an advising appointment, call 734.487.0255.

## Admission Requirements

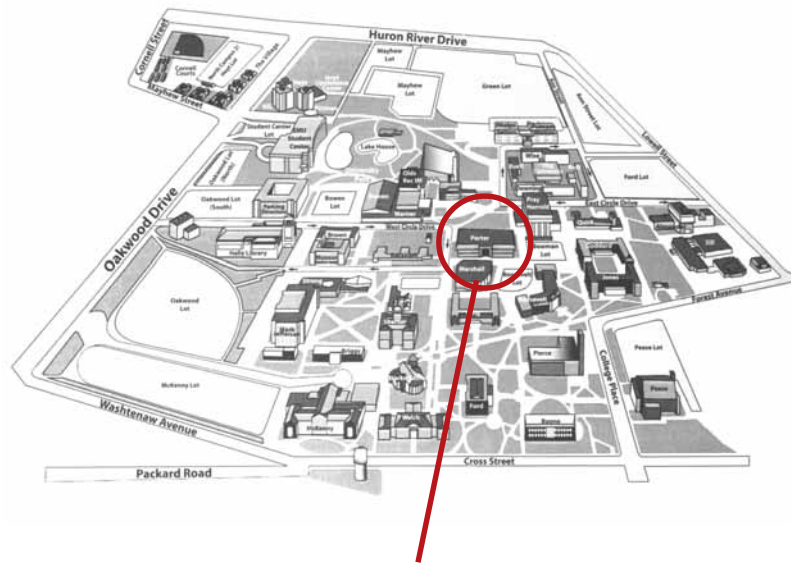
- Complete the Application for Graduate Admission. Submit all admission materials, both graduate school and program, to the Office of Admissions.
  - Have earned a valid undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year institution of higher education.
  - Applicants must have a 2.70 undergraduate GPA or a 3.0 GPA in the second half of the undergraduate program. Applicants seeking a second master's degree must have a 3.3 GPA or better on their previous graduate degree. A conditional admission may be available for those who fall just below the minimum GPA requirements.
  - Submit recommendation forms from two professional supervisors and/or supervising professors that address the quality of the applicant's professional work. Applicants may receive these forms from the department office or online at [www.emich.edu/coe/lc/resources](http://www.emich.edu/coe/lc/resources). Recommendation forms are due with the Application for Graduate Admission.
  - Submit a résumé detailing professional and educational experiences.
- Complete a personal statement describing the reasons to for requesting admissions including accomplishments and academic goals. This essay must be a minimum of 250 words and will be reviewed as an indicator of writing ability.
  - International students must meet the following additional criteria: an official score report from either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Test System (IELTS), or the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) must be sent by the testing service directly to the University. Student score reports, faxes or photocopies will not be considered official. Minimum scores for admission is 550 (Paper-based Test), or 79 (Internet-based Test) for the TOEFL; 77 on MELAB; or 6.5 (or higher) on the IELTS. If the TOEFL is taken, the Test of Written English (TWE) is also required. A conditional admission may be available to those students falling just below the minimum score requirements.

## For More Information

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## Sites/Locations

- EMU Main Campus (evenings and weekends)



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