

# Specialist of Arts in Educational Leadership\*

\*Note: The majority of the concentration and cognate courses are available off-campus and on weekends. Select core courses are only offered on campus.

The Specialist of Arts in Educational Leadership is a post-master's program for prospective and practicing educational leaders. The program may either provide advanced administration preparation for P-12 schools and institutions of higher education and/or the coursework required by the State of Michigan for administrative certification.

## **Accreditation**

The EMU College of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and approved by the Michigan Department of Education for the preparation of educational personnel.

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## **Program of Study**

The specialist's degree program requires a minimum of 32 credit hours beyond the master's degree. Students work closely with their advisors in developing a program of study preparing them for their career goals. Candidates for the specialist's degree in educational leadership must satisfactorily complete all program of study work. The requirements outlined below provide the basic course work required for the specialist.

If students are seeking State of Michigan administrative certification, additional courses will be required. A program of study will be developed to fulfill requirements for administrative certification and central office endorsement upon approval by the program advisor.

### **A. Completion of a master's degree in educational leadership or a relevant area.**

#### **B. Concentration Area: 16 hours**

- EDLD 710 Leadership Theory (3)
- EDLD 714 Data-Driven Decision Management for Leaders (3)
- EDLD 740 Organizational Theory (3)

Seven hours of core educational leadership courses. These courses in educational leadership are selected with approval of the student's advisor and reflect the professional needs and objectives of each individual student.

#### **C. Applied Research: 12 hours**

- EDPS 621 Statistical Applications in Educational Research (2)
- EDLD 713 Field-Based Research (4)
- EDLD 787-789 Internship in Educational Administration (2-4)

#### **D. Cognates: 6 hours**

These courses are elected from either educational leadership or other areas and should complement the student's career goals. Several cognate courses will be added if students are seeking the initial administrator certification.

#### **E. Culminating Experience**

The culminating experience for the specialist's degree is a review and presentation of the student's field-based research study and the student's internship experiences as set forth in his or her internship plan. This review and presentation will be conducted by the director of the intern program and the director of the field-based research study in consultation with the student.

## **Additional Program Information**

- EDLD 787-789 Internship (2-4)  
Information is available on the department website or from the director of the intern program. Internship placements should be arranged at least one semester in advance. The internship handbook is available at: [emich.edu/coe/lc/resources](http://emich.edu/coe/lc/resources).
- EDLD 713 Field-based Research (4) This course is only offered in the winter and summer terms. Department permission is required in advance.
- Off-campus course offerings. Typically, the majority of the concentration and cognate courses for the specialist's degree are available off-campus and on weekends. Typically, three to four applied research courses are only available on campus in the evening.

## Admission Requirements

- Meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School.
- Must have completed a master's degree from an accredited university with a minimum GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.
- Submit two confidential appraisal forms from 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 in this packet or online on the department Website. Recommendation forms are due with the Graduate School application.
- Present evidence of a valid teaching certificate or sign a waiver indicating that they do not seek certification.
- Submit a resume detailing their professional and educational experiences.
- On the graduate application, students must complete the personal statement of accomplishments and academic goals portion describing the reasons for requesting admission. This essay must be a minimum of 250 words and will be reviewed as an indicator of writing ability.

- International students must submit an official score report received directly from one of the following: 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 are 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 for those who fall just below the minimum score requirements.

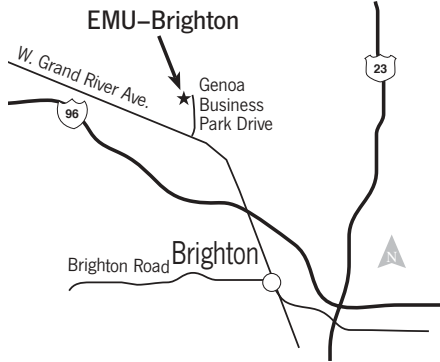
## Faculty

Most of the educational leadership faculty members have been practitioners in the field of education with numerous years of experience in school administration. Their range of expertise includes the principalship, the superintendency, school community relations and advanced careers in higher education. In addition, the department uses a cadre of adjunct faculty members practicing in school leadership roles. Each faculty member takes an active role in the development of students' goals, and many of the classes are small and seminar-like in structure.

## For More Information

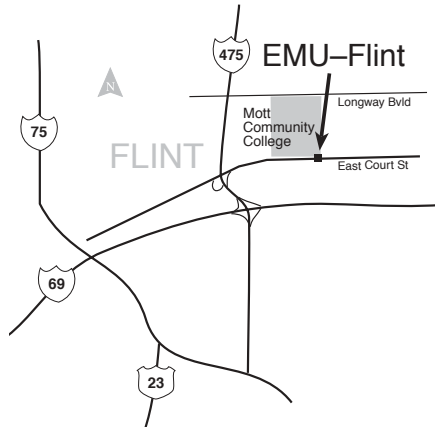
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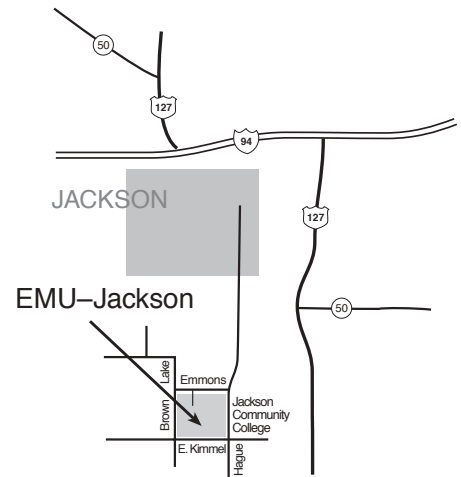
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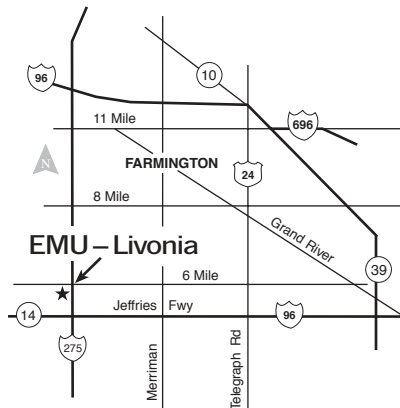
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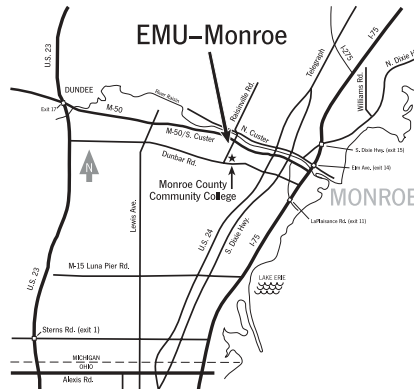
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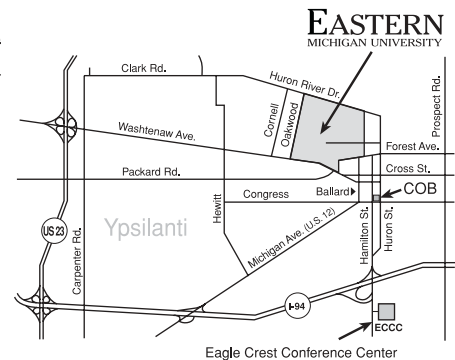
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# EMU–Online

## 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

EMU–Online allows you to attend class when and where it's convenient. If you work while balancing a family, EMU–Online helps you to fit a college education into your busy life from anywhere in the world.

## What is E-learning?

E-learning combines elements of self-paced learning (although there are deadlines) with the person-to-person interactivity of a traditional classroom, including discussions, assignments and exams. Endless online resources can offer information, simulations and research materials. And studies show e-learning can result in students not only retaining more knowledge, but also earning better grades.

## Everything is a Keystroke Away

Your online education is completed via the Internet including registration, paying student bills, library access, discussions, assignments and exams.

## “Clicks” Instead of “Bricks”

You'll never be alone in the online classroom. You and your class will participate in discussions and assignments as well as interact with your instructor online. While you might not meet your classmates face-to-face, you'll be surprised at the dynamic level of interaction you'll experience as you “chat” and learn together.

## What's the Cost?

Tuition rates are per credit hour, based on course level and competitive with other institutions. Additional fees, including online course fees, are assessed when you register. More information can be found at [emuonline.edu](http://emuonline.edu).

## Technical requirements

- Computer
  - **PC:** Windows 2000, XP, Vista, or 7/28.8 kbps modem (56K recommended)/Soundcard/Speakers/RealPlayer Basic
  - **Mac:** Mac OS X or higher (in classic mode)/28.8 kbps modem (56K recommended)/Soundcard/Speakers/RealPlayer Basic
- Internet Access. You'll need Internet access and a browser to access your courses. All browsers should be Java capable and version 4.0 or better. Downloads for the newest browser versions are free of charge. The following browsers are supported:
  - **PC:** Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0–8.0, Mozilla Firefox 2.0–3.5
  - **Mac:** Safari 2.0–4.0, Mozilla Firefox 2.0–3.5
- An e-mail account, which is established when you register for classes.

## Eastern Michigan University

Located in Ypsilanti, Michigan, Eastern Michigan University is a public, comprehensive university offering programs in the arts, sciences and professions. Founded in 1849, the University is composed of over 22,000 students served by 680 full-time faculty and 1,200 staff, both on and off-campus, and electronically. EMU offers undergraduate, graduate, specialist, doctoral and certificate programs in its colleges of arts and sciences, business, education, technology and health and human services.

## For More Information

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