EMU’s Master of Arts in Educational Leadership is designed for professional educators who are seeking the skills and knowledge to become effective educational leaders. Four major content areas make up the educational leadership curriculum: leadership, research, professionalism, and management competency/proficiency. Further development in the areas of human relations, diversity, and technology are emphasized. This is a state-approved program for the building level principal license in the State of Michigan. It also has reciprocity with other states. Graduates of the educational leadership program continue to work as professional educators in leadership and administrative positions in K-12 education.

The entire program is available online or in hybrid formats, weeknights and weekends on campus and at three off campus locations.

The EMU College of Education is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and approved by the Michigan Department of Education for the preparation of educational personnel.

**Admission Requirements**

For admission an applicant must:

1. Complete the Graduate School Application online at emich.edu/graduate/apply/.
2. **ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.**
3. Have earned a valid undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year institution of higher education. Official transcripts must be submitted.
4. Official electronic transcripts can be sent to transcripts_admissions@emich.edu.
5. International students must meet the language requirements of the Graduate School.
6. 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 a previous graduate degree.
7. Submit recommendations from two professional supervisors and/or supervising professors that can address the quality of the applicant’s professional work.
8. Submit a resume detailing their professional and educational goals.
9. Complete a personal statement describing the reasons to pursue a graduate degree program in educational leadership including career and
educational goals. The essay must be a minimum of 250 words and will be reviewed as an indicator of writing ability.

**Admission Process**

The **rolling** admission process for the certificate is as follows:

1. The Office of Admissions will receive and gather ALL required documents online.

   Contact the Office of Admissions via:
   - Email: documents_admissions@emich.edu
   - Phone: 734.487.3400

2. Completed applications that contain the required GPAs, recommendation forms, and the resume will be forwarded to the coordinator of advising for the educational leadership program.

3. Completed applications will be reviewed by the faculty review committee. Those applicants who have submitted acceptable GPAs, the resume, personal statement and recommendation forms will be admitted and assigned an advisor. **The master’s degree program must be completed within a six-year period.**

   An application may be deemed “questionable” due to a combination of low GPA, fair or poor recommendations, poor writing ability and/or statements that are inconsistent with the student’s goals as an administrator. These “questionable” applications will be reviewed by the faculty who will assess verbal skills, writing skills, educational background, and GPAs.

4. All applicants will be notified.

5. All decisions by the faculty regarding admissions are final.

**Proposed Program of Study**

The K-12 Administration Master’s Degree consists of the basic concentration (29 credit hours), and supportive courses (6 credit hours) for a total of 35 credit hours.