PK-12 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

TRANSFORMING TODAY’S EDUCATORS INTO TOMORROW’S LEADERS
The Old Dominion University Difference

In today’s educational environment, aspiring and current educational leaders need a high-quality program that is learner centered, dynamic, grounded in theory with practical application, and instructed by outstanding educational leadership faculty.

The Educational Leadership Program @ ODU has transformed the way educational leaders are developed to meet the real-world needs of our diverse student population for both aspiring and current educational leaders throughout the state and nation.
The Educational Leadership Program offers busy educational professionals many different options for developing and enhancing their skills as leaders. These include two PK-12 Administration and Supervision licensure options, three different degrees, and innovative professional learning opportunities throughout the year.

Visit http://education.odu.edu/efl/academics/educational/ for more information.
The Educational Leadership Program offers PK-12 educators two options for earning the PK-12 Administration and Supervision endorsement while earning their degrees in Educational Leadership. Students entering the program with a Bachelor’s degree will enter the Master’s degree program option, while students entering the program with a Master’s degree will join the Educational Specialist track. Each program contains the same core requirements leading to a Virginia state endorsement to serve as an educational leader.

**PROGRAM OF STUDIES (M.S.Ed. and Ed.S. Track Options)**

**Core**

- Strategic Leadership and Management for School Improvement
- Accountability and Organizational Improvement
- Educational Politics and Policymaking
- Strategic Communication and External Relations
- Learning Theories and Professional Development

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Instructional Leadership and Supervision

Educational Finance and Budgeting

Educational Law and Ethics

Internship 1 & 2: All students engage in 200 formal internship hours across two internship courses. Over the course of the program students will participate in an additional 120 internship hours embedded into courses. In total, the 320 minimum internship hours will span across five different placements (elementary, middle, high, central office, and external experience).

Ed.S. Course Requirement

Research, Evaluation, and Planning

There are multiple options for educators interested in these programs. All courses are offered in a live format that is convenient for full-time PK-12 educators. The program can be completed in an accelerated 4-5 semester format, with flexibility of up to six years for students needing an extended program length. Courses are offered in the evenings (no Friday or weekend courses for non-cohort students) at times convenient for busy educational professionals.

- **Fully web-based delivered via Adobe Connect** (no travel to campus required); All courses are live and students can attend at a location convenient to them including their homes and work. Students only need a high-speed ethernet internet connection, a computer with a webcam, and a headset.

- **Monarch Lead Cohorts** - Cohorts involve both in person meetings as well as Adobe Connect classes. Cohorts are offered through district and organizational partnerships, as well as offered in a regional format through the ODU Educational Leadership Program.

The PK-12 Administration and Supervision Program is intended to prepare individuals for initial school and central office administrative positions.
The Executive Ph.D. in Educational Leadership program is a 3-year accelerated cohort program designed for Educational Leaders working full-time in PK-12 schools, divisions, and other educational organizations. Educational Leaders take classes as part of a cohort where students discuss and research educational problems of practice and policy. Course content is designed to help students use research, theory, and their own professional expertise to advance organizational change in their own organizations. This program leads to a Ph.D. in Education with a Concentration in Educational Leadership.

**Program Overview**

The Executive Ph.D. in Education with a Concentration in Educational Leadership consists of a minimum of 60 credits – 48 course credits (16 courses) and a minimum of 12 dissertation credits. Up to six credits from students’ previous graduate degree programs may be transferred into the program with faculty approval.

Courses are held primarily in live, web-based format via video conferencing in the evening at times convenient for busy educational leaders. Students may attend classes from the convenience of their offices or homes. On-campus classes will be required two to three times each semester, with a weekend format class (Friday/Saturday) once a semester.

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Course work will be targeted to fold in dissertation work throughout each semester, allowing students to complete their doctoral degrees in approximately three years. Cohort students receive a 25% discount off of the regular student tuition at the university during their three years of cohort coursework.

**LEADERSHIP CORE**
- Leadership for Teaching and Learning
- Leadership for Social Justice
- Policy & Politics in Educational Leadership
- Organizational Theory & Behavior in Education
- Leadership, Equity, & Inclusive Education
- Accountability Systems in Public Education
- Leadership Theory for Educational Improvement

**RESEARCH CORE**
- Advanced Research Design
- Advanced Qualitative Research
- Advanced Program Evaluation
- Advanced Statistics

**ADDITIONAL COURSES**
- Educational Leadership Studies
- Program Choice Elective
- 2 Student Electives (Students may transfer up to two electives into the program or choose to take two elective options provided)
- Dissertation Seminar

12 Dissertation/Research Credits (active engagement in dissertation research)

The Executive Ph.D. in Educational Leadership Program is intended to prepare individuals for administrative and faculty positions; and to provide these students with the skills to carry out scholarly research, lead organizations, and create new knowledge.
PROGRAM COSTS

The Old Dominion University Educational Leadership Program provides an exceptional leadership preparation experience for students at an affordable tuition rate. A breakdown of costs and other tuition details can be located online at: https://www.odu.edu/admission/costs-tuition/tuition. Below is a general tuition overview for the 2015-2016 Academic Year.

2015-2016 Tuition Rates for Graduate Students:
Virginia residents (with Virginia domicile)                   $464 per credit hour
Students living outside of Virginia                               $501 per credit hour
Virginia residents without Virginia domicile                 $1160 per credit hour

Additional tuition costs include:
$9 per semester General Services Fee
$20 per credit hour for Online Course Technology Fee

Members of the Monarch Lead Cohorts and the Executive Ph.D. in Educational Leadership Cohorts* receive a 25% discount off of the per credit tuition rate.

Financial Aid:
Old Dominion University understands the financial concerns you may face when trying to finance your graduate educational program. With the help of the ODU Office of Student Financial Aid, you can explore ways to help fund your graduate education, regardless of your economic circumstances. https://www.odu.edu/admission/financial-aid

* Executive Ph.D. in Educational Leadership Cohort students receive the 25% discount for 3 years plus one semester (10 semesters).

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The Educational Leadership Program @ ODU is proud to offer Monarch LEAD. Our Professional Learning Program provides a variety of opportunities for current, emerging, and aspiring leaders around current educational topics of interest to leaders, as well as professional learning opportunities to hone leadership skills and practices.

An example of a few of our offerings for educators include:

**MONARCH LEAD PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM**

Webinars
Webinars are hosted by educational leaders across Virginia and the nation around pressing problems of practice for leaders.

Conferences
The Educational Leadership Program provides a free annual conference for educational leaders across the state.

PL Workgroup
This innovative community provides intensive support for leaders across the state around embedded learning in schools.

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HOW TO APPLY

Each degree program requires applicants to submit reference letters, a resume, respond to essay questions, and provide all transcripts from previous universities. Cohort applicants have additional application requirements outlined within the cohort materials.

Students applying to the PK-12 Administration and Supervision Licensure Program (non-cohort) leading to a Master's or Educational Specialist Degree should refer to the admissions site for the specific essay questions and to begin the application process.:

http://blue.odu.edu/admission/apply/

Monarch Lead Cohort applicants and Executive Ph.D. Cohort applicants should contact the Program Coordinator to receive an application packet.: Dr. Karen Sanzo, ksanzo@odu.edu, 757-683-6698.
WHY THE ODU EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM?

• Variety of rigorous degree programs.
• Engaged learning; Real-world focused and practical class projects and activities.
• High-quality professors active in their respective fields who participate in ongoing learning opportunities to continually enhance their instructional activities.
• Diverse student body: Colleagues come from a rich mix of professional, cultural, and life experiences and backgrounds.
• Real-time courses with a variety of unique learning options for educators working full-time in a PK-12 educational setting: Live online courses that simulate an in-person class experience through Adobe Connect and Cohort learning options.
• A variety of innovative professional learning experiences focused on the real-time needs of educational leaders.
• Ongoing support for graduates beyond the degree program experience.

Want to learn more about the Educational Leadership Program @ ODU? Contact the Program Coordinator: ksanzo@odu.edu or 757-683-6698.

Request information or arrange a campus visit! If you are considering applying to one of our graduate programs, you can also email or call us to request information or arrange a campus visit, including meetings with faculty and current students.