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Educational Leadership Program at Old Dominion University Monarch Lead Cohort PK-12 School Leadership Licensure

Would you like to be a lead teacher, assistant principal, principal, work at the central office in your school system, or serve in another school leadership position?

The Monarch Lead Cohort is a field-based educational leadership preparation program that provides an opportunity for outstanding educators to earn a Master's or Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership and obtain PK-12 Administration and Supervision licensure in Virginia.

This program is ideal for educators working full time. You can complete your degree in less than two years and are able to continue to work while earning your degree and obtaining school leadership licensure. Virginia public school employees receive a 25% discount off of per credit tuition.

The program is designed to provide aspiring school leaders the requisite knowledge and skills to serve as high-quality and ethical instructional leaders in diverse school settings and to inspire them to create equitable educational opportunities for all students.

Throughout the program students in the Monarch Lead Cohort will participate in courses that offer practical, research based knowledge in the following areas: organizational leadership

and management, leadership for organizational change and improvement, instructional practices for diverse learners, professional development for school improvement, data-informed decision-making, and curriculum leadership.

Monarch Lead Cohort students complete coursework while concurrently completing their internship activities in schools and offices in their own schools and area school divisions and organizations. This program will be held in a live, on-line format delivered through a virtual web-based classroom. Students are not required to drive to campus or to a higher education center to attend class, except for accelerated cohort members.* All classes may be attended through the convenience of your own home or work computer.

Career pathways for graduates of the Monarch Lead Cohort include leadership positions such as assistant principal and principal, department chair, grade level lead and central office director.

*Accelerated Cohort students (ML 12) starting summer 2018 are required to participate in a one week Summer Institute at Old Dominion University both summer 2018 and summer 2019, as well as two weekend intensive sessions during the program.



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Applications are being accepted for Spring 2018, Summer 2018, and Fall 2018 Cohorts. Cohort students will attend class on the same day throughout all semesters for the program.

5 Semester Cohort Programs

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| ML 10: | Spring 2018 - Summer 2019 | Thursdays |
| ML 11: | Summer 2018 - Fall 2019 | Tuesdays |
| ML 13: | Fall 2018 - Spring 2020 | Wednesdays |


Students in the five semester cohorts are not required to come to ODU main campus for classes. All classes may be attended via computer.

Accelerated/4 Semester Cohort Program

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| ML 12: | Summer 2018 - Summer 2019 | Mondays |
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*Students in ML 12/Accelerated Cohort are required to attend an on campus one week Summer Institute June 18 - 22, 2018 and Summer 2019 (dates TBA). ML 12 students are also required to come to two weekend intensive sessions during the 2018-2019 academic year.

Core Program for 5 Semester Cohorts (Example):

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| Semester I Strategic Leadership and Management for School Improvement Strategic Communication and External Relations | Field Based Activities  |
| Semester II Accountability and Organizational Improvement Educational Politics and Policymaking | |
| Semester III Internship I Learning Theories and Professional Development | |
| Semester IV School Finance Instructional Leadership and Supervision | |
| Semester V Internship II Educational Law and Ethics | |

*EdS students may transfer in up to 3 research credits into the program

Application:

Applications are due two weeks prior to the start of the semester you wish to begin. Submit your application online: <https://blue.odu.edu/admission/apply/>

Application components include:

- Resume
- Transcripts from all previous institutions
- Submission of 3 professional references (1 reference must be a supervisor; 1 reference must be a colleague at your work location; and 1 additional reference of your choosing within the educational field)
- Completed application essays:
 - Provide a 1-page description of your anticipated career path and how this program can help you achieve your professional goals. *Indicate on this essay you are applying for the Monarch Lead Cohort and indicate which number and semester start.
 - Develop a 2-page essay on an instructional or school improvement issue and discuss the implications for school leaders.
 - Discuss how your involvement in the cohort program can contribute to furthering the vision and mission of your school or organization.

Estimated Cost*:

\$11,700: 10 3-credit courses in the Educational Leadership Program sequence (\$358.50 per credit at the discounted rate plus \$20 per credit technology fee) * (The Educational Specialist program is 33 credits - 3 research course credits may be transferred in)

\$98 Livetext fee

\$45: \$9 per semester registration fee

\$11,843 Estimated Total based on Virginia Educator's Discount (not including textbooks, materials, and travel if needed)** Private school and out-of-state educators should refer to the ODU tuition cost website for tuition details.

* Per credit tuition is subject to change based on the Board of Visitors annual budget.

** Students are required to successfully pass the School Leadership Series Assessment (SLLA) to graduate. The SLLA is administered through ETS and is a separate fee.

Applicants should refer to the Virginia Department of Education licensure requirements to ensure they are eligible for a PK-12 Administration and Supervision endorsement upon conclusion of the program:

<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/>

Questions about this program should be directed to the Educational Leadership Graduate Program Director:
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