

M.ED. IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP HIGHER EDUCATION

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

What is the application deadline?

- **January 15 (priority) and March 1 (secondary)**
- We admit students once per year for the fall semester.
- Completed applications should be submitted by the priority deadline for best consideration.
- Applications reviewed for the secondary deadline are given consideration to the extent that capacity allows.

What are the admissions requirements?

- <https://edld.charlotte.edu/programs/med-educational-leadership/admissions-requirements/>
- Graduate Schol requirements include (1) Bachelor's degree or its U.S. equivalent, (2) GPA 3.0 in the bachelor's degree program (3) a statement of purpose (essay), (4) three recommendations, (5) unofficial transcripts of all academic work, and (6) TOEFL or IELTS for non-native English language holders.

Are test scores required?

- The M.Ed. program does not require a standardized test score.

How many students are admitted into the program?

- The number of admitted students varies annually and is limited by the number of faculty members available to provide master's advising. The program on average admits 20 students per year.

What do you look for in a successful applicant?

- A successful applicant will meet the specific requirements and often exceed those minimums. There is a clear alignment between the academic and career interests with those of the selected program.

Do you offer application fee waivers?

- A limited number of application fee waivers are available to qualified UNC Charlotte permanent employees, Ronald McNair Scholars, and United States military members.

TUITION, FEES, AND FUNDING

What is the cost of graduate education at UNC Charlotte?

- Current tuition and fees may be found on the [Niner Central](https://ninercentral.charlotte.edu/billing-payments-refunds/tuition-and-fees) website.
- <https://ninercentral.charlotte.edu/billing-payments-refunds/tuition-and-fees>

How can I find funding?

- Students should carefully explore and apply for eligible funding early, as most application processes are highly competitive with varying deadlines. Plan early to allow for sufficient time to complete funding applications.
- <https://graduateschool.charlotte.edu/funding/funding-graduate-education>
- <https://education.charlotte.edu/resources/student-resources/financial-aid/external-funding/>

What is the process for applying to Graduate Assistantships?

- Admission to a degree program is a separate process independent of your application to graduate assistantships or any other work opportunities.
- Admitted students can sign up and search for assistantships and funding through:
 - Niner Scholars – ninerscholars.charlotte.edu
 - Hire-A-Niner – hireaniner.charlotte.edu
- Graduate assistant hiring processes are highly competitive. Apply for all positions for which you are eligible.

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ENROLLMENT

How long will it take me to complete the degree?

- The M.Ed. program is 30-credit hours. Time to degree completion depends upon enrollment patterns, but most students in the M.Ed. can anticipate graduating within two years.

How many classes are required for full- or part-time enrollment?

- Full-time enrollment requires three courses each fall and spring semester, while part-time enrollment requires two courses each semester.

When are classes offered?

- Our classes are offered in the evening from 5:30 PM to 8:15 PM during the spring and fall semesters. Summer courses, when available, can also help students stay on track to graduate in a timely manner. Classes are delivered in varied formats, including in-person, online, and a hybrid of online and in-person. The program has a strong in-person component.

Can I transfer course credits?

- The program accepts up to two courses (6 credit hours) as transfer credit from a regionally accredited doctoral-granting institution. Transfer credit must be approved by the Graduate Program Director with approval from the Graduate School. All other Graduate School policies regarding transfer credit apply.

What is the capstone?

- The M.Ed. program requires students to complete a portfolio during their final semester, which includes papers and writings to critically reflect on the knowledge and skills acquired during their graduate education.

Are there opportunities to work on research?

- Our faculty have active research agendas and welcome students to engage in studies.

Does the degree lead to administrative licensure?

- No, this program does not lead to any licensure or certification. Visit the MSA program for information on becoming a licensed K-12 school administrator, <https://edld.charlotte.edu/programs/master-school-administration-msa>

How can I gain more experience in higher education?

- All students in the program should plan to gain relevant professional experience in higher education by working in the field either part-time (graduate assistantship) or full-time during their time in the degree program. The master's degree alone, without relevant work experience in higher education, is not sufficient to be competitive in the job market for positions in higher education post-graduation. UNC Charlotte and other local colleges/universities offer a variety of graduate assistantships each year. Learn more about this process, <https://edld.charlotte.edu/academic-catalog/med-educational-leadership-higher-education/graduate-assistantships>

CAREER OPTIONS

What type of career can I secure with this degree?

- This program primarily focuses on higher education administration and those wishing to pursue administrative careers in colleges and universities in areas such as student affairs, academic advising/support, residence life, admissions, etc.
- Recent graduates secured positions as enrollment specialists, academic advisors, directors, and assistant directors.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

How can I learn more about the program?

- Department of Educational Leadership: <https://edld.charlotte.edu/>
- We offer information sessions related to programmatic requirements, and content is readily available online.
- Check the schedule and RSVP for the next event, <https://edld.charlotte.edu/edd-information-sessions/>

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