

## How do I apply to the program?

It is highly recommended that you submit the application and all application materials in one packet to:

Niagara University  
Graduate Education Intake Office  
Marian House  
Niagara University, N.Y. 14109-1930  
Phone: 716-286-8336 • Fax: 716-286-8324

1. Niagara University graduate education application.
2. \$30 application fee.
3. Two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes with the referee's signature across the seal.
4. Official transcripts of all colleges and universities attended in sealed institution envelope.
5. Statement of Intent. Two-page, double-spaced, typewritten statement discussing your philosophy of educational leadership, professional goals, objectives, strengths and weaknesses.
6. Graduate Records Examination (General Test Score) or Miller Analogy Test. Test scores may follow application packet. Please submit scores when you receive them. *Niagara University graduates with a final (or last two years of course work) GPA 3.0 or above are not required to take the GRE/MAT.*

(For students whose language is not English, scores on the TOEFL are required.)

[www.niagara.edu/advance](http://www.niagara.edu/advance)

## Educational Leadership

A high-quality, NCATE-accredited program offering:

- Strong academics with professors from the United States and Canada
- Practical programs based on current theory and "best practices"
- Flexible scheduling including Saturday classes
- Online and interactive video courses
- Integrated technology
- Data-driven curriculum
- Course embedded and intensive internship experiences

## Accreditation

The master of science degree at Niagara University is registered with the New York State Department of Education and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

All graduate educational leadership programs are aligned with New York state certification requirements for building and district leadership, as well as the program standards of the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC).



# Master of Science in Educational Leadership

Certifications:  
School Building Leader  
School District Leader



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**Department of Educational  
Leadership and Counseling**

**College of Education**

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## Course Requirements

### Master of Science in Educational Leadership (M.S.Ed)

#### Certifications: School Building Leader School District Leader

**Prerequisites:** master's degree; teacher certification; EDU 595 Educational Research & Statistics or equivalent; evidence that the candidate has met the New York state requirements for (1) school violence prevention and (2) identification and reporting of suspected child abuse or maltreatment.

#### Required courses

##### Phase One:

- EDU 632 Leadership & the School Building Leader
- EDU 649 Capstone for School Building Leader
- EDU 691 Administrative Internship School Building Leader
- EDU 644 Instructional Supervision
- EDU 645 Curriculum Planning: Design, Implementation & Evaluation
- EDU 598 Instructional Technology

##### Phase Two:

- EDU 631 Leadership & the School District Leader
- EDU 650 Capstone for School District Leader
- EDU 634 School Business Administration
- EDU 635 School Law (New York state)

Select two from the following courses:

- EDU 599 Technology, Data Analysis and School Improvement
- EDU 637 Personnel Administration & Employer-Employee Relations in Education
- EDU 628 Policy and Politics in Education
- EDU 639 Seminar/Issues in Educational Leadership
- EDU 684 Research in Educational Leadership

**Total Graduate Hours: 36**

**Notes:** Administration internship of 600 hours (includes course embedded experiences) is required. Candidates are required to successfully complete a comprehensive exam.

## The Educational Leadership Program

Niagara University's educational leadership program is an NCATE-accredited graduate program that prepares candidates for leadership roles. Candidates may work toward a master's degree and certification for school, district or business leadership opportunities in New York state, or for leadership opportunities in a variety of contexts (i.e., higher education or nonprofit organizations). Classroom teachers may want to take educational leadership programs to prepare to serve in a variety of leadership roles within their school and district.



Candidates completing the educational leadership program will evidence their knowledge, skills and dispositions as indicated in the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC) Standards: (1) Facilitating the development, articulation, implementation and stewardship of a school or district vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community; (2) Advocating, nurturing, and sustaining a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth; (3) Ensuring management of the organization, operations and resources for a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment; (4) Collaborating with families and community members, responding to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizing community resources; (5) Acting with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner; and (6) Understanding, responding to, and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

The program also prepares leaders who exemplify the New York State Nine Essential Characteristics of Effective Leaders.

## Frequently Asked Questions ...

**How long will it take to complete the program?**  
Students can complete the M.S.Ed. degree program in two years by taking courses on a part-time basis in the fall, spring and summer sessions.

#### What is the advisement process?

Once accepted, students will be assigned a faculty adviser. Students should meet with the assigned adviser prior to beginning their program of study and periodically thereafter.

#### What are the requirements for graduation?

Students must maintain a B average in course work and successfully complete a comprehensive examination.

#### Are courses available at off-campus sites?

Courses are also offered in Orchard Park, N.Y. With careful planning, students may complete two-thirds of their degree program by taking regularly scheduled classes on Saturdays and available online courses.

#### What are the backgrounds of your students?

Niagara University enrolls students from New York state and the province of Ontario. This allows for an international mix of students who come from diverse backgrounds to study and discuss educational issues. Students bring experiences from many different kinds of school districts: small, large, rural, suburban, and urban. These various backgrounds provide a diversity which adds depth and breadth to our program.

## Other programs:

- School Building Leader Certification – 24 hours
- School District Leader Certification – 24 hours
- School District Business Leader Certification – 24 hours
- MBA/School District Business Leader – 45 hours
- Master of Science in Educational Administration and Supervision, Ontario Program – 36 hours
- Alternative Program School District Leader Certification – 24 hours. (This program is available for those candidates who are not current educators but want certification for district-level positions in New York state.)