

Graduate Studies Programs

Educational Leadership

About the Program

Based on a foundation of solid research, theory, knowledge, and successful practice, this 36-credit program prepares the professional educator for Massachusetts licensing as a supervisor/director and/or an assistant principal or principal in an elementary, middle or secondary school. Through close work with faculty and stimulating classes, each student will develop the necessary skills to become a leader, communicator, supervisor, and manager – as well as educator. Students gain the necessary competencies to address issues such as school reform and the restructuring of schools. In addition, students will participate in a supervised administrative experience with carefully designed clinical fieldwork and in-class seminars. Simmons has been successful in meeting a wide range of educational goals by providing each student with the advising necessary to develop a successful, individualized program of study. This personalized support is further enhanced by the small classes and close mentoring relationships that students develop with faculty in the program. Competitive merit scholarships are available for the most qualified applicants. Applicants are automatically considered for scholarships; there is no separate application.

Students enrolled in this program may pursue two degree options - the Master's of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.) or a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (C.A.G.S.). C.A.G.S. candidates must already have a master's degree.

About the College

Simmons College is located in the heart of Boston, a world-class city renowned for unlimited educational, career, and social opportunities. All programs provide a challenging educational experience in which every student develops an informed, critical, and committed voice, and learns to be a leader and collaborative member of the professional community. Simmons College was named a "Best College" in its category in the 2006 *US News & World Report*. Simmons was also included in the 2006 *Princeton Review* "Best 351 Colleges," and was named among the "Best in New England" in the first-ever edition of *Princeton Review's Best Northeastern Colleges*.

"My Educational Leadership professor dramatically challenged my thinking and changed my personal beliefs in myself. Under his tutelage, I witnessed leadership in action, analyzed case studies, and participated in professional leadership opportunities. This class gave me the desire, knowledge, insight, opportunity, and tools to develop the personal leadership skills necessary to provide meaningful direction for those I seek to lead."



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Coursework

The course sequence for the program is as follows:

GEDUC 500	Leadership Development
GEDUC 501	Models of Teaching
GEDUC 502	The Law and Education Policy
GEDUC 503	Principal as Manager: Fiscal, Facilities and Politics
GEDUC 506	Classroom Supervision in Theory and Practice
GEDUC 505	Curriculum and Program Models, Development and Education
GEDUC 507	Technology and the Administrator
GEDUC 508	Organizational Management
GEDUC 509	Foundations of Educational Leadership
GEDUC 510	Support Seminar
GEDUC 511	Practicum

Educational Promise

Simmons believes passionately in an educational promise that places students first, helping them build successful careers and realize a powerful return on their educational investment. We honor this promise by delivering quality education and measurable success through our singular approach to professional preparation, intellectual exploration, and community orientation.

My experience and education at Simmons College has been phenomenal! The single greatest learning tool in this program has been the cohort model, and gaining a deeper and richer perspective from the other cohort members. I must offer accolades to the professors in this program. Every professor has helped me grow and reflect on my own style of educational leadership.”

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