



VCU

School of Education

M.Ed. in Ed Leadership- Administration and Supervision and [Post-Masters Certificate for Educational Leadership](#)

Please use this checklist as a resource to support your next steps. Once you create an online application and select the semester and program to which you would like to apply, you will see individualized guidance and questions specific to your program embedded in the application. For questions: soeinfo@vcu.edu and/or soeogs@vcu.edu.

Application Deadline: Fall semester start only (April 1) - EXTENDED DEADLINE May 1!

Step 1: Online application: Create your online graduate application account. Choose the year that aligns with your expected start semester: <https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/graduate/>

Step 2: Statement of Intent: VCU requires that prospective students provide a written statement of purpose for all graduate program applicants. Please answer the following questions:

- *This is a program focusing on leadership. What are your reasons for applying to this program and what are the goals you will strive to achieve?*
- *What evidence do you have that you are an effective educator?*
- *Describe a situation when you were asked to solve a problem. What did you do? What was the outcome? What did you learn?*
- *There are numerous reform movements in education. Choose one you are either for or against and explain why.*

Step 3: Academic or Professional References: The system has an area for you to submit the names and emails of **three letters of reference**. Select a “Due Date” anytime before the deadline. You can use the “Notes” area to share what you would like your references to highlight to support your statement of intent or other areas of your application.

Step 4: Transcripts: You can upload PDF copies of your *unofficial* transcripts for the review/decision process. You will be required to submit official academic transcripts from **all institutions you have attended** in order to enroll. If you have completed a program at VCU, if you have unofficial copies, please upload these to expedite the process, if not, admissions will manually pull your transcripts. Please mail your official transcripts to the following mailing or email address:

Virginia Commonwealth University

E-Transcripts: gradmail@vcu.edu

Office of Graduate Admissions, Box 843051 / Richmond, Virginia 23284-3051

Step 5: Testing requirement: There are no tests required for this program. You can skip this part of the application.

Step 6: Active Teaching License: The add-on endorsement in Virginia requires an active teaching license and at least two years of experience in a school setting, which must be in a licensed instructional personnel position. Please upload a copy of your license and current CV/Resume in “Additional Documents” in the online application.

Step 7: Submit application fee and push submit: Please submit the application fee in order to submit your application.

Step 8: Receiving and accepting your admissions decision: You will receive an email recommending you for admission from your Department. Your official admissions letter will come from VCU graduate admissions virtually and physically. Upon receipt of the official letter from VCU, you must email respondgrad@vcu.edu to confirm your acceptance into the program. This will allow the system to create a formal account that will allow you to register for classes.