Curriculum

Total credit hours: 30

Core Courses: 30 Credit Hours			
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite(s)
EDUL 520	Foundations for Inclusive Education	3	-
EDUL 525	Educational Psychology and Learning	3	-
EDUL 620	Leadership in Education: Theory in Practice	3	-
EDUL 625	Leadership for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	3	-
EDUL 630	Curriculum Development & Program Assessment	3	-
EDUL 635	Analytics for Making Data-Driven Decisions	3	-
EDUL 640	Continuous Improvement for Organizational Excellence and Quality Assurance	3	EDUL 635
EDUL 645	Strategies for Effective Educational Resource Management	3	-
EDUL 680	Research (Thesis)	6	Completion of 18 CR





Program Overview

Quality educational leadership is vital to the overall success of an individual school or school systems. Strong academic leaders are key to high-performing schools; they help school reform and they serve as motivators to fellow teachers and students.

The Master of Education in Educational Leadership degree is intended for professionals who are interested in enhancing their leadership and management skills to provide a better educational environment for students, teachers and staff. Students in the program acquire a deeper understanding of various theories on organizational behavior, educational leadership and change processes and how these three aspects impact educational institutions. The program helps the students familiarize themselves with a range of issues surrounding management and how these issues relate to developments in education, the society and the economy. The students develop skills in analysis of development policies and the various factors that affect the implementation of management policies in an educational context.

Who Should Apply

If you are a K-12 teacher who wants to broaden your leadership potential, expand your knowledge about schools, teachers, and student learning, and renew your passion to work on behalf of public education as you meet professional development goals, ADU's educational leadership master program is for you.



Student's Testimonial

Lamia Al-Khateeb - MEdEL Graduate, Class of 2025

The MEdEL program has been an incredibly enriching journey that deepened my understanding of educational leadership in real-world contexts. Through my thesis on the role of distributed leadership in curriculum innovation within UAE public schools, I explored how collaborative leadership can drive meaningful change. The program's emphasis on research, reflective practice, and practical application empowered me to analyze challenges and contribute to sustainable improvements in education. I'm truly grateful for the support of the faculty and the vibrant learning community that shaped my experience.



Career Prospects

The Master of Education in Educational Leadership Degree prepares graduates for teaching and executive positions at public and private schools. Administrative positions that might be available to those with a master degree in educational leadership include the Principal, Assistant Principal, Head of Department, Instructional Coordinator, Director, Supervisor, or Cluster Manager.

Why the Master of Education in Educational Leadership?

Master of Education in Educational Leadership has been designed to prepare current and aspirant leaders for services in six critical areas:

- Strategic Leadership
- Instructional Leadership
- Organizational Leadership
- Community Leadership
- Ethical Leadership
- Cultural Leadership