



MASTER OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP MONTESSORI OPTION

Starting at the end of August 2024

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PROGRAM FEATURES

- Action Research & Appreciative Inquiry focus
- Exclusive Montessori cohort & Montessori community building
- Inclusive environment open to learners at all stages in their career
- Part-time, distance-based course work
- Instructors with leadership and research experience in schools and academia
- Engage in scholarship in educational leadership
- Develop a data-driven or project-based thesis

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LEARN ABOUT:

- Leading professional learning teams
- Montessori as a leadership exploration framework
- Issues of diversity and social justice
- Indigenous perspectives in education & leadership
- Reflective inquiry
- Systems thinking and strategic planning

PROGRAM FLOW

End Summer 2024	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Fall 2025
<p>MEDL 500 – Foundations of Educational Leadership</p> <p>-intensive course exploring a range of educational leadership theories and the development of an appreciative inquiry lens from which to begin thesis topic exploration</p> <p>-two week online course with 6 consecutive days of online synchronous work, followed by one week of asynchronous work</p> <p><i>Thesis Progress:</i></p> <p>-Define/explore issue/focus area with a focus on context and professional practice</p>	<p>MEDL 550 – Research in Education</p> <p>-online synchronous and asynchronous course exploring research methods with a focus on data-collection or project development, Research Ethics applications and literature review in support of thesis work</p> <p><i>Thesis Progress:</i></p> <p>-Write a thesis proposal in the form of chapters 1 to 3</p> <p>-Expore ethical concerns & Research Ethics Borad application (if applicable)</p>	<p>MEDL 680 – Field Inquiry</p> <p>-independent work with the support of a thesis supervisor focusing on data collection or project desgin and development</p> <p><i>Thesis Progress:</i></p> <p>-Data-driven:focus on data collection and thesis writing</p> <p>-Project-based: focus on project design, development, and thesis writing</p>	<p>MEDL 690 – Major Project</p> <p>-continued independent work with thesis supervisor support on data or project analysis and final thesis document completion</p> <p><i>Thesis Progress:</i></p> <p>-Completion of final thesis document and all associated documents meeting program conventions and expectations</p> <p>-Final thesis deadline: 30 Aug. 2025</p>	<p>Degree Conferral</p> <p>-granting of M.Ed. degree: Oct. 2025</p> <p>Graduation Ceremony</p> <p>-presentation of degree parchment in full graduation regalia: Jan. 2026</p>

Admission Requirements:

- Completion of an undergraduate degree
- Completion (or near completion) of an approved AMI Primary or Elementary diploma or MACTE accredited Elementary or Secondary I and II diplomas
- Submission of official transcripts (academic & Montessori)
- A resume outlining teaching experience
- A letter of intent outlining reasons for pursuing graduate work
- Two current, confidential [assessment reports](#).
- Applicants whose previous degree was obtained in a country where English is not the official language must meet one of VIU's [English Language requirements for Graduate Programs](#).

HOW TO APPLY:

- 1) Send name and expression of interest in the M.Ed. Montessori to educ.gp@viu.ca / marian.riedel@viu.ca
- 2) Official applications open Oct. 1, 2023 with specific application details communicated in Sept. 2023.
- 3) Applications close Mar. 31, 2024 with on-going application review and admission until the program is full (max. cohort size = 25)

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